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# **THE IONIAN**

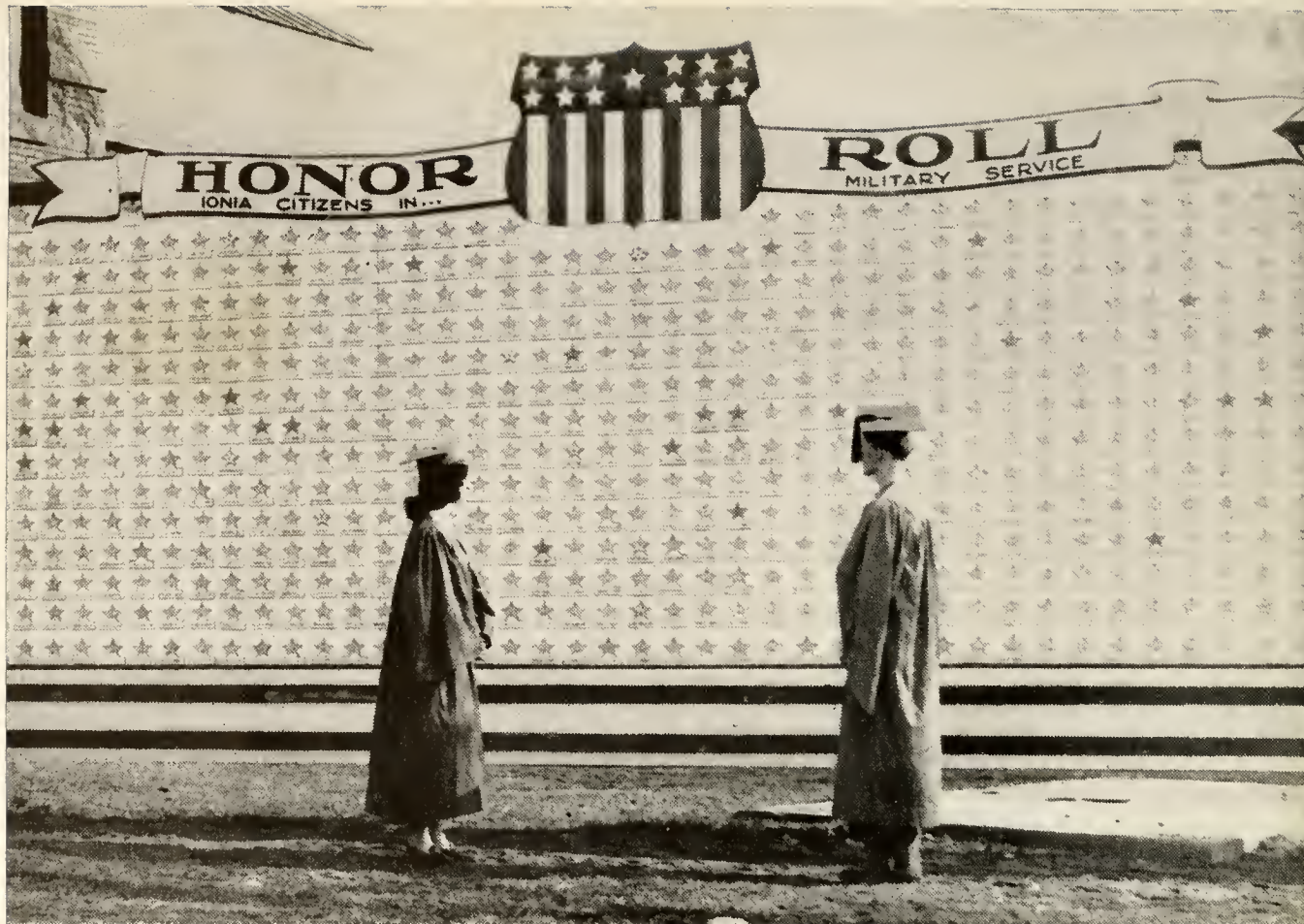
**— I. H. S. Before the Footlights —**



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The Senior Class of Ionia High School  
Ionia, Michigan**

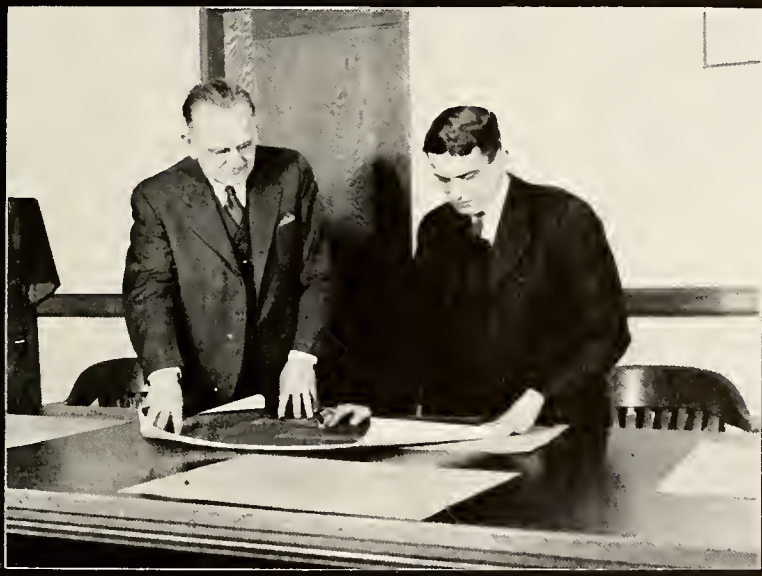
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## Salute to A Stellar Cast

World War II has taken the men and women of our country to the four corners of this war-begrimed earth. Many former students from our school have been drawn into this maelstrom of tragedy. Some have seen action on the far-flung battlefronts, some have been wounded while serving their country, and others have paid the supreme sacrifice. Many of our young women have helped hasten victory by laboring relentlessly as nurses and specialized workers for the government. A large number of the graduates this year will enter some branch of the armed forces and continue the work of those now in the war. To the men and women in the armed services and to the graduates who will soon be doing their patriotic part, the senior class of 1945 sincerely dedicates this yearbook.



# **STAGE MANAGERS**





## Behind the Scenes

Throughout the high school performance in Ionia, the Board of Education has been the production manager working to provide the best education available.

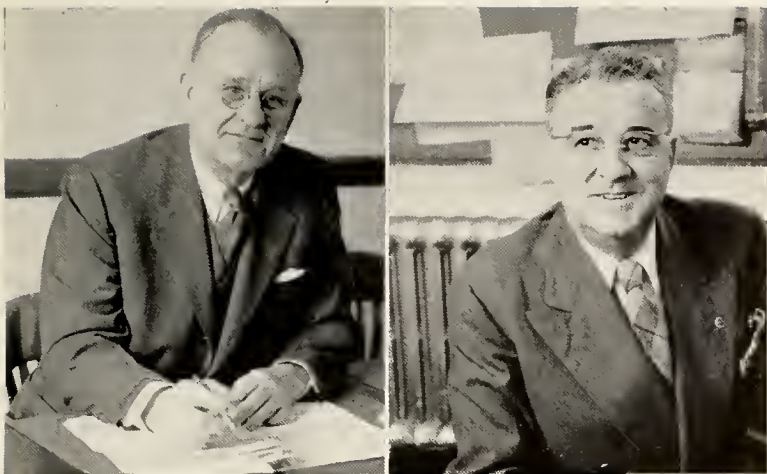
In the past year their abilities have been centered on making plans for the construction of a new junior high school with an auditorium and a gymnasium. It was largely due to the untiring efforts of Douglas Welch, president; J. Clyde Spencer, secretary; Theodore H. Moehlman, treasurer; and D. O. Mellinger, Wm. Redemsky, Nels Strand, and James Hilton, trustees; that the

voters passed the proposition for the raising of taxes to build a new school in the post-war world.

During the intermission of Christmas vacation the halls and some of the rooms were finished with a new make-up job. This was the first time since the construction of the building seven years ago that painting had been done.

The class of "45" sincerely appreciates the services these gentlemen have given them and wishes them success in carrying out their plans for the future of I.H.S.





**ARTHUR A. RATHER** — For 28 years Superintendent Rather has been a pillar in the Ionia school system. He is a graduate of Central and the U. of M. from which he received the B.A. and M.A. degrees. He has done graduate work at M.S.C. and teachers' college at Columbia university. Mr. Rather has also served as a visiting professor at Central, Northern and M.S.C. Gardening, golfing and bowling take up his spare time.

**LLOYD T. SMITH** — As principal for 26 years, civics instructor, the co-sponsor of the senior class and the annual, Mr. Smith had few free moments. He attended U. of M. where he received A.B. and M.A. degrees. He has done graduate work at M.S.C. and Harvard. He is also a captain in the U.S. army reserves and acts as vice-president of the Ionia National bank.

## From the Production Box

### To the Class of 1945:

"Upon graduation you will become a member of that large body of alumni who have helped keep alive the splendid traditions which have meant so much to you. We, therefore, solicit your continued interest to the end that we shall always be looking forward to still greater enrichment of the Ionia tradition because of your personal contribution."

**A. A. RATHER**

### To the Graduates:

"I can truly say to you that it will be the effort you put forth in life, more than the issue of the effort, that will bring credit to your school and honor to yourself. If such credit and honor is in any way traceable to the influences of the Ionia High School, I shall be proud and thankful that you were my pupil."

**LLOYD T. SMITH**

**MRS. ESTHER HICKOK** — The students' scholastic and attendance records were efficiently kept up-to-date by Mrs. Hickok who is a graduate of Cleary college and Ypsilanti Normal. In her too few moments after school work and keeping a motherly eye on her family, she likes to get involved in a good book.

**BESSIE NICKOLAI** — Petite Miss Nickolai was the busy bookkeeper for the board of education. She learned her systematic method on the campus of Ferris Institute. Since war-time restrictions have curbed her favorite pastime of traveling, Miss Nickolai has spent her spare hours reading.





Lester Dadd, Alex Marchbank, Clarence Speckin



Mrs. Jeanie Hanson, Mrs. Bertha Lang, Mrs. Elsie Dreger

## In the Wings

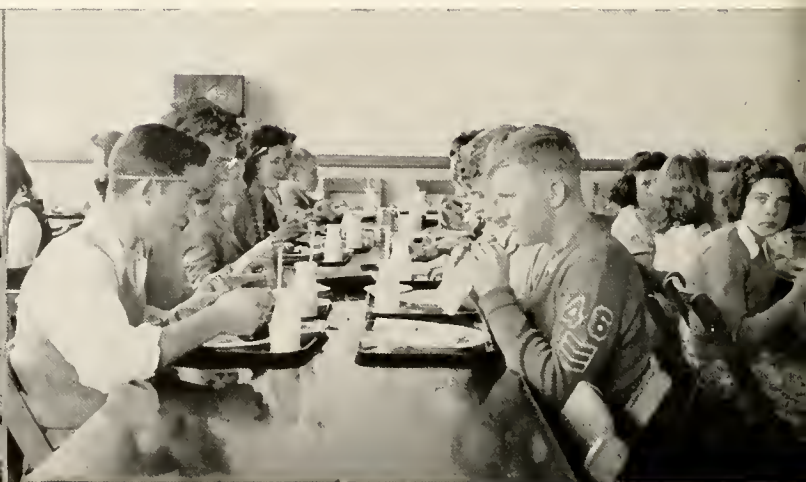
Looking behind the scenes, one finds that it takes more than teachers and students to make a school successful. In the downstairs office Miss Bessie Nickolai and Mrs. Esther Hickok very efficiently kept school affairs on a strictly business basis. Clarence Speckin, the engineer, was ever mindful of the show, seeing that heat, lights, and

water played a continuous performance. Lester Dadd and Alex Marchbank kept the building in top-notch shape for the appreciative crowds. In the cafeteria Mrs. Elsie Dreger, Mrs. Jeanie Hanson and Mrs. Bertha Lang prepared many tasty dishes for the mid-day pleasure of the students.

Projectionist



Soup's On





**SCRIPT SCHOLARS**





**VIRGINIA A. COOPER** — A favorite among the college prep students was Miss Cooper, who has guided many puzzled students through Latin and senior English. She holds A.B., M.A., and honorary M.Ed. degrees. After receiving her diploma at Houghton high school, she attended Northern and U. of M. During her leisure time she can be found bowling or taking pictures.



**MABEL E. BROWN** — As adviser for the Spotlight and the indispensable co-sponsor of the annual, as well as an instructor of Spanish, history 10, and English 11, Miss Brown was unusually busy. From Central she won her A.B. and was awarded an M.A. at the U. of M. During her leisure time she can be found bowling or taking pictures.



**ELBERTA LEISURE** — Good natured Miss Leisure, who has won many honors for her poetry, attended Grand Rapids junior college, Central, U. of M., and Ferris Institute. She received her B.S. degree from Northern and her teaching certificate from Central. Her classes of English and world history left her few free hours.



**IRMA HEITMAN** — Mrs. Heitman was a critic teacher in Alma, Michigan, four years for student teachers from Alma College. She taught ninth grade English at I.H.S. She studied at Central and the University of Wisconsin and holds her A.B. degree. When not in school she enjoys canning fruits and vegetables.



**MARCIA J. GUILFORD** — A member of the Phi Kappa Phi and the Kappa Delta Phi, Miss Guilford is a graduate of M.S.C. where she received her A.B. degree. An instructor of ancient history and social science, she is also an ardent aviation student, lover of good music, and collector of recipes.

## Coaching the Cast —

Some of the many students who held books in the lobby of education faithfully pursued classes in the academic department. Besides those who took required subjects, most of the students in this department followed a college preparatory course.

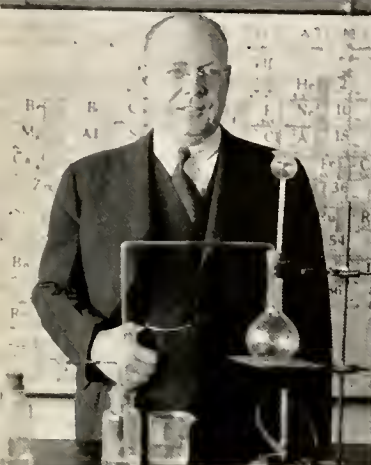
Students in this section of the theater of learning will become valuable with their increased knowledge of higher mathematics, and the practical values of physics, chemistry and biology. History, sociology and economics will play important roles, as will English, language and fine arts.





**RAY T. WILES** — Besides gaining a thorough knowledge of physics, general science, elementary or advanced algebra, Mr. Wiles' students benefited by his many anecdotes on human nature. Member of the Kappa Rho Sigma, he was also the assistant coach of football and basketball. As a graduate of Western, he has an A.B. degree. Sailing and fishing absorb his extra hours.

**FLORENCE E. CORNELL** — Mrs. Cornell attended Western and Northwestern University and holds an A.B. degree. She instructed algebra and business training classes and had charge of ticket sales in the school cafeteria. Movies and mystery stories occupy her spare moments outside of library supervision.



**C. B. MORRALL** — Mr. Morrall, after graduating from Shelby high school, attended Michigan State normal college and U. of M., where he received his B.S. degree. He has had the position of teaching geometry and chemistry for the last three years. His favorite pastime is fly fishing for trout, when he isn't busy coaching the juniors.

**HARVEY L. THOMPSON** — An instructor of English, history, science, and speech, Mr. Thompson was always busy. He graduated from Central with an A.B. degree and received his M.A. at the U. of M. His numerous hobbies include hunting and dog training. His sparkling wit will be remembered by all who knew him.

## — For Their Debut

Between Acts

### Study Hall

Some "studes" have first hour session  
(And sleep till almost nine!),  
While others study second hour  
And get their lessons fine!

Yes, some have fourth hour study,  
(They get to school at two!)  
And some skip last hour session  
Which one of them is you?

But we all love to study,  
And session joy confess;  
Because it's intermission,  
In the show of I.H.S.!

— Richard Burlingame





## Mastering Their —

First and second year Latin and first year Spanish were the languages offered this year. The Spanish class set up a typical nativity scene for a Christmas project, and practiced on Spanish music. The Latin classes observed Latin Week by making posters to advertise to the grade school students the use of Latin words in the news.

Veni, Vidi, Vici



El Rancho Grande

American Lore

The energetic freshmen, displaying their talents, took the stage with declamation, supervised by Mrs. Irma Heitman. The sophomores, directed by Miss Elberta Leisure, studied our native language, and gave declamations and term reports, while the juniors struggled with poetry, modern drama and newspaper work, with Miss Mabel Brown as supervisor. Miss Virginia Cooper's "studes" waded through term reports and themes.





## — Varied Roles

With an increased demand by the army and navy for men equipped with higher mathematical and scientific skill, the limelight was focused on classes of algebra, geometry, advanced algebra and solid geometry. Although advanced math is considered a boy's subject, the course attracted a few of the weaker sex.



Compass and  
Protractor



Beakers and  
Bunsen Burners

Micrometers and  
Meter Sticks



In the science department Ray Wiles kept the seniors running in circles with all the little gadgets he had on his desk. In the lab, ten girls and nine boys scribbled into their little red books, physics formulae and laws of Newton, Charles and many more.

Chemistry students delved into the mysteries of valence, atoms, and electrons, which were clarified by Clarence Morrall.



Democracy In Action

Historians In The Making



Speaking At The Lectern

## Training For Society

History, in the college preparatory category, with American history required for graduation, was led by Miss Marcia Guilford giving the freshmen a start on their high school career. Miss Elberta Leisure helped the sophomores with the aid of Miss Mabel Brown, and Harvey Thompson coached the American history class. Closely related to history is Lloyd Smith's class of civics, also required for graduation, which is a study of America through a political eye. A class in discovering how the individual is related to his

community and the government is social science under the eagle eye of Miss Marcia Guilford. This was a ninth grade class but many upper classmen were performers. Gerald Roys prepared students for future economic problems with his economics class.

Forensic speakers got their start in Harvey Thompson's speech class in which one day per week was dedicated to oral work. The study of interpretive reading stole the show the rest of the week.





# CONSTRUCTION CREW



**GERALD ROYS** — Mr. Roys who teaches shorthand, typing, commercial law, and economics, holds a B.S. degree from Western. This genial member of the teaching staff also attended Ferris Institute and Oregg college. He taught in Saranac for seven years before coming to Ionia. Mr. Roys enjoys reading during his unoccupied hours when he isn't busy totaling stamp sales.



**ELNA MARY PRITCHARD** — Miss Pritchard, a holder of a B.S. degree, is a graduate of Jackson high school and junior college, Western, and the University of Colorado. She was the instructor of business arithmetic, junior business training, typing and shorthand. Miss Pritchard is a member of the Alpha Iota and Alpha Beta Epsilon. She is also an accomplished pianist.



**DONALD MOORE** — Mr. Moore, the industrial arts teacher, is the stimulus that makes many of the vocational students succeed. He attended Western and Central and has an A.B. degree. Hunting, fishing, and playing golf are his favorite pastimes. His home town is Dowagiac.



**CLIFFORD G. HASLICK** — After Brown City high school, Mr. Haslick furthered his education at M.S.C., where he received his B.S. degree. A good-humored, well-liked instructor of agriculture and biology and sponsor of the F.F.A., he is also a member of the Alpha Zeta, a national honorary fraternity in agriculture. His hobbies are flowers and gardening.



**MARGARET E. SNOW** — Red-haired Miss Snow was the head of the home ec. department. After graduating from Roosevelt high school at Wyandotte, Michigan, she attended Michigan State Normal college and earned her B.S. degree there. Miss Snow sponsored the Junior Red Cross and was adviser for the home ec. club.

## Erection Foremen

The humming of the buzz-saw in shop, trying to get the required number of words down in shorthand and typing, and planning a meal in home ec. were some of the numerous memories of days in the vocational department. Besides the subjects mentioned above, many took agriculture, general metals, mechanical drawing, and commercial law courses.

After graduating from the vocational department many turn to different fields in life. Some apply home ec. in homes of their own. Various others are farmers, office workers, or blueprint draftsmen in war factories. Whatever vocation students choose, this department is sure to provide excellent training for their jobs in the future.



# The Office Force

## Business Hieroglyphics

Behind the screen the students vigorously work on bookkeeping. Some ask, "What is bookkeeping?" Let's listen to what an actor has to say. "Bookkeeping is the art of recording accounts or business transactions in a regular and systematic manner." Clear thinking is its motto.



Perfect Copy




Trial Balance


The opera glasses now spy stage nine where typing and shorthand are under way. Dictation in shorthand, a system of rapid writing in which characters are used for letters and phrases, is handed to the typist. Transcription at 50 words per minute on the typewriter is done like that. Practice makes perfect.

# Stage Hands

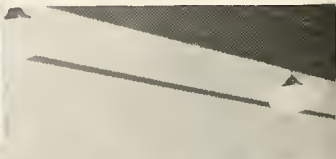
In these years of war a scarcity of skilled labor and new machinery exists; therefore, the industrial arts course has been more important than ever before. The boys and girls enrolled in general metals, farm shop and mechanical drawing gained valuable knowledge and experience in the maintenance and repair of tools and machinery.



Woodworkers



Toolmakers



Draftsmen

Those students who took general metals and farm shop were taught to operate and take care of the tools which would enable them to care for their own machines. In mechanical drawing the students learned blueprint reading, the details of machinery construction, and the method of drawing according to present-day standards. The industrial arts course is one of the most important in the school today because of its aid to the war effort.





# Pastoral Setting

In Ionia high there were 45 students enrolled in agriculture who carried seven hours of agriculture. Field trips were taken to such places as Murray's swine farm, Michigan farmers' week at Lansing, and the state hospital and reformatory for the testing of milk. Some of the students enrolled did not live on farms but took agriculture and accepted work on farms during the summer.



Biological Research



Farm Science

Those Red, Red Points



In the study of plants and animals, the biology students learned the different kinds of plants and simplest animals. As warm weather came they learned about the respiratory, circulatory and excretory systems of man and the simplest organisms. The biology students also mastered setting up the microscope, and studied bacteria, mold and yeasts.



Costume Artists

Mess Sergeants



Family Circle

## Caterers and Designers

Umm! Smells good.

After long hours of studying kitchen arrangements, care of kitchen equipment, proper nutrition, buying and preparing foods, and the importance of breakfasts, luncheons and dinners, the "families" of four donned aprons and invaded the kitchen. They also "put up" some delicious-looking cans of fruit under the supervision of Miss Margaret Snow.

After a brush-up on manners and going into personal grooming, color and lines, cutting and sewing began in earnest. Many lovely creations of cotton and wool soon made the fashion parade lively.

With throbbing feet, the adventuresome home ec-ers returned from a tour of Ionia in which they observed different types of houses for a study of architecture. Another field day found these energetic girls visiting the furniture museum in Grand Rapids. To show their skill, they

refinished a table and a set of drawers. These girls now possess the invaluable knowledge of managing and creating attractive homes.

A vocational study required a lot of "lookin' up," and reports listed the girls from hairdressers to aviatrixes.

At special holidays such as Christmas, the spirit of the season "brought artistic abilities off the shelves" and put them into practice on clever cards and wrapping papers. The results of the girls' handiwork were shown off in the display case during the Christmas week.

In time of need, the versatile girls will be present to apply their first aid skill, or to help the neighbors out after a study of child care.

Toward the end of the year these tomorrow's homemakers gave up their cherished sewing room to the mechanical drawing classes and moved into the bake shop to carry on.





# ● ORCHESTRATION



**DONALD E. CRANE** — As the energetic band conductor, Mr. Crane was further busied by his two theory classes. He received his B.S. degree from his alma mater M.S.C. and also is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and National Association of Rudimental drummers. His hobbies are baton twirling, abnormal psychology and psychiatry.

## Step Off With a Fanfare —

When the new maestro, Mr. Donald Crane, stepped to the podium, the curtains opened on a 60 piece marching band. With a few exceptions, this same group of musicians composed the concert band.

Led by a flashy majorette corps, the band, stepping to a snappy drum beat, endured the chill weather to entertain the crowd at the half during the football season. The bleacher society will long remember the syncopated marching which the band performed to "Darktown Strutter's Ball" at the Greenville game.

The Christmas and spring concerts held the audiences spell-bound as the band demonstrated its super blending and tone.

All school parties were staged by the band under the direction of John Barnes, president; Carley Warden and Jane Douglas, vice presidents; Russell Breckon, secretary; and Janet Jepson, treasurer.

The band with its complete instrumentation was as follows: cornets and trumpets, John Barnes, Russell Breckon, Frank Alfonso, Ray Lower, Marilyn Ries, Don

Oliphant, Dwight Stewart, Hugh Hodges and Gary Moore; French horns, Alice Weisgerber, Robert Scholtens, Jo Ann Reynolds and Bill Hall; baritones, Don Funk and Nancy Hilton; trombones, Gerald Martin, Harry Hazzard, Bill Hickok, Wayne Roush, Virginia Hamlin, Pat Griffin, Karl Gierman and Dorothy Rieger; clarinets, Joan Bowne, Margaret Strand, Burton Essex, John Morris, Mary Lou Douglas, Joyce Fox, LaVone Gardner, Mary Jo Dodes, Joyce Winchell and Joan Higbee; bass clarinet, Richard Burlingame; bassoon, Marcia Holbrook; flutes, Pat Clay and Janet Todd; saxophones, Lois Anslow, Gerald Galloway, Geraldine Griffin and Russell Scholtens; percussion, Doris Owens, Roger Nielsen, Gaylord Courter, Jane Douglas, Janet Jepson and Eleanor Westbrook. At the midterm, Eleanor Westbrook took the place of Carley Warden on bells and tympani; Jane Douglas changed from snare to cymbals in place of Lesly Echlin. Both girls completed their credits in January.

### "I" Formation







Champions  
of the  
Silver Shaft



Concert Instrumentalists



Exponents of the Jive

## — Of Rhythm and Swing —

The "Silver Shaft" corps consisted of Janet Todd, Joyce Steele, Marjorie Rhoades, Jane Temelco, and Bea Brown.

This year two music theory classes were formed — advanced and first year. Jean Allen, Joan Bowne, Roger Buxton, Burton Essex, Avis Harwood, Muriel Hope, Lynn Miller and Imogene Rosecrance were in the first year class. John Barnes, Don Funk, Allen Robertson, Eleanor Westbrook and Pat Wilder were the advanced students.

The dance band "swung out" at many of the school parties. Although the band was newly formed this year, it made great progress and was really "on the beam." Janet Jepson beat the drums while Wayne Roush "tickled the ivories." Pat Wilder, Frank Al-

fonso, and Marilyn Ries played their trumpets, and Harry Hazzard performed on the "slihorn." Jack Horrocks, Beverly Bliss, Joan Bowne, Richard Burlingame, Burton Essex and Russell Scholtens played the saxophone.

Several members of the band formed duets and quartets. Two drummers, Doris Owens and Roger Nielsen, played a duet at teachers' institute and also at the district contest in Muskegon where they were awarded a first division rating for their performance. The clarinet quartet, Joan Bowne, Margaret Strand, Johnny Morris and Burton Essex, made several public performances. The cornet duet, Ray Lower and Frank Alfonso, appeared in public several times.



Smile Pretty



Hepcats



Taste Good?



Dining Out



Stag Line



Speakers' Table

## — And Reap the Reward !

After marching through a drenching rain November 3, the Ionia high school band took its musical stand at the Army-Navy "E" award presentation at the Ypsilanti-Reed. Capt. James Vernor, public relations officer of the Detroit army ordnance district described the band as the "best little band I ever heard."

In appreciation for their services "E" day, the officials of the Ypsi Reed sponsored a banquet at

the Masonic Temple January 30. After remarks by John Barnes, band president, D. R. Mitchell and Mrs. Fred Green from the factory, and Donald Crane, several musical movies were shown. The evening was concluded with social dancing. Appreciation for the pictures on this page is due to Miss Aileen Walsh, photographer of the "Ypsi-Doodler."



IMOGENE E. COOLEY — Coming to us from Hastings, Miss Cooley received her B.S. degree at Western where she sang with the varsity trio. At Ionia she instructed vocal music. In line with her work she enjoys solo singing and accompanying.



## Melodious Voices Blend In Harmony —

This year's vocal groups under the direction of Miss Imogene Cooley and Mr. Donald Crane, have held the lime-light during many performances. Teachers attending county institute in February were entertained by the girls' chorus consisting of Laura May Anderson, Lois Anslow, Juanita Baker, Margaret Bippely, Joyce Fox, Marilyn Friend, Jane Temelco, Avis Harwood, Marcia Harwood, Betty Christopher, Marcia Holbrook, Virginia Holbrook, Marilyn Janes, Nancy Post, Ruth Smith, Mildred Goward, Alice Teichmann, Janet Todd, Betty Arntz, Eleanor Westbrook, Thelma Youngs, Darlene Lindeman, Alice Weisgerber, Lesly Echlin and Janice Donalson. The girls also appeared

The a cappella choir of 25 voices sang at the winter

concert and acted as a chorus for the operetta. Members of one or two semesters were Janice Donalson, Margaret Bippely, Imogene Rosecrance, Eleanor Westbrook, Pat Clay, Avis Harwood, Betty Christopher, Mildred Goward, Lesly Echlin, Doris Owens, Carley Warden, Janet Todd, Mary Lou Hawley, Nancy Buck, Joyce Fox, June Redemsky, Alice Weisgerber, Bea Brown, Marjorie Todd, Joan Bowne, Jean Allen, Don Funk, Allen Robertson, Bob Whitesides, Roger Buxton, Burton Essex, Jack Fox, David Piper, Bob Guernsey, Gerald Tafel, Wayne Roush, Dan Owens and Gene Henry.

Janet Todd, Joyce Fox, and Alice Weisberger made up the girls' trio. They sang at the Child Study club, Chamber of Commerce, and the coronation assembly. Marcia Holbrook was accompanist.



Mixed Harmony

Melodic Trio

Wings of Song







Opening Night

## — Making "Tune In" A Smash Hit !

The senior girls' sextette, composed of Eleanor Westbrook, Charlotte Van Nornum, Doris Owens, June Redemsky, Bea Brown and Alice Weisgerber, blended their voices together at commencement. The junior octette also had many workouts. The members were Darlene Lindeman, Alice Teichmann, Avis Harwood, Lois Anslow, Marilyn Janes, Virginia Holbrook and Laura May Anderson. Lois and Avis took turns accompanying the group.

Mr. Crane, the band director, also flashed his baton in boys' chorus. The fellows this year worked in groups of four, as quartets. They were Allen Robertson, Bill Youngs, Don Funk, Richard Burlingame, Gene Henry, Karl Gierman, Arthur Sawtell, Kent Raymor, Bob Guernsey, John Barnes and Wayne Roush.

After a lapse of three years, the vocal department produced an operetta, "Tune In." Janet Todd, as Mrs. Kroggins, kept her husband Mr. Kroggins, or Allen Robertson, busy correcting her mistakes. Jean Kroggins, Avis Harwood, had a secret affair with Joe, or Dan Owens. Mitzi, Joyce Fox, the "mystery voice" had her troubles with Jerry, Don Funk, while Milly, Billy, and Tilly (Bea Brown, Alice Weisgerber, and June Redemsky) did their dance routine. Roger Nielsen was Phipps, the scoundrel. John Barnes acted as Dave. "Rich" Burlingame was the versatile announcer, while Pat Wilder played the role of Throckmorton, the lawyer. Both Miss Cooley and Mr. Crane supervised the music of the production, and Lloyd T. Smith directed the dramatics. The dancers were trained by Miss Naomi Falan.

Sinatra's Rivals



Senior Songstresses





# INTERLUDE





**LOUIS J. LORI** — Another new member of I.H.S. this year was Mr. Lori, who was Bulldog coach and instructor of boys' phys. ed. A graduate of Flint Northern high school, he attended Western and Michigan State and holds a B.S. degree. Swimming, golf, and dancing help fill Coach Lori's vacant hours.

**RAY WILES** — As the assistant coach Mr. Wiles guided the second team football and basketball squad. (See write-up page 9).

## Pigskin Cast Performs —

With four varsity members back from the '44 championship team, Coach Lori called his first practice with a high-spirited squad.

After the preliminary toughening up, the team began learning new plays in the form of the modified box formation.

Then came the first test against opposition. Carson City went home the loser after a close-fought game of 25-19.

What was considered to be the most difficult game came the next week-end, and the boys drilled extensively on pass offense and defense. It was thought that Lowell would be the victor, but the Bulldogs defeated the Kent county aggregation before a record crowd 13-0. It looked as if Ionia high was well on the way to another championship team with Belding our next game. The game was in the bag by a 14-13 score when Belding blocked a punt deep in Ionia territory in the

last two minutes, and Belding went on from there to win 20-14. Royal Kirby, a regular guard, was lost to the team with a broken leg in the Belding game. St. Johns sent home a thoroughly trounced eleven, 19-0, and Bob Whitesides, another regular, went out with a twisted knee. Ionia then set about to wallop Lake-O, which proved to be a tough nut to crack. The Bulldogs eked out a 7-6 victory. Stanton, usually easy pickings, held the Ionians to a 7-7 tie. The "gridders" drilled hard the next week with Hastings coming up for another conference tilt, but Ionia went down to a 19-6 defeat. The last game of the season for the team and its four seniors, "Pork" Raymor, "Whitey" Whitesides, Keith Dickerson and Wayne Douglas came up the next week. Ionia bowed out the season to a powerful Greenville team to the score of 14-0.



### The Bulldogs

First row, Funk, mgr.; second row, Coach Lori, Haas, Kelley, Sullivan, Dickerson, Kenny, Raymor, Fate, Coach Wiles; third row, Echlin, Mellinger, Buxton, Essex, Shattuck, Benedict, LeValley, Spaulding; fourth row, Moore, Perrin, Kitch, Kirby, Thomas, Schwab, Douglas, Whitesides.



## Seniors

Dickerson  
Raymor  
Coach Lori  
Douglas  
Whitesides



## Bullpups

First row, Funk, mgr.; Second row, Coach Lori, Harder, Hodson, Briston, Kohloff, Langdon, E. Nelson, Spencer, Coach Wiles; Third row, Harley, Tafel, Neustifter, Tuller, Totten, C. Stanton.



## Bleacher Strategists

# — While Rooters Cheer !

Not to be left out of the picture are the Bullpups who deserve a lot of credit for their hard work and diligence. These boys, coached by Ray Wiles, showed a lot of spirit and should be the bulwark of the teams to come at Ionia high school.

The two co-captains, Bob Whitesides and Kent Raymor, along with the team's most valuable player, Bob Kenny, made the All-Conference teams. Raymor and Kenny placed on the first team, and four men made second team berths. They were Fate, fullback; Haas, halfback; Schwab, tackle; and Whitesides, end.

Two banquets feting the gridiron stars were held. One was the annual football banquet sponsored by Hilers' December 6, and the other was sponsored by the Moose organization February 6.

Letter winners were Bob Whitesides, Kent Raymor, Bob Kenny, Keith Dickerson, Stanley Kitch, Leonard Schwab, Chuck Perrien, Wayne Douglas, Clarence Haas, Stanley Thomas, Howard Fate, Dick Kelley, Tom Sullivan, Dick Spaulding, John Moore, Dick LeValley, Royal Kirby, Burton Essex, Douglas Benedict and Roger Buxton. The two managers, Donald Funk and Richard Burns, also received awards.

## Ionia 1944 Football Schedule

Sept. 22	Carson City . . . . .	19	Ionia . . . . .	25
Sept. 29	Lowell . . . . .	0	Ionia . . . . .	13
Oct. 6	Belding . . . . .	20	Ionia . . . . .	14
Oct. 13	St. Johns . . . . .	19	Ionia . . . . .	0
Oct. 18	Lake Odessa . . . . .	6	Ionia . . . . .	7
Oct. 27	Stanton . . . . .	7	Ionia . . . . .	7
Nov. 3	Hastings . . . . .	19	Ionia . . . . .	6
Nov. 10	Greenville . . . . .	14	Ionia . . . . .	0
Totals . . . . .		104	72	





### Varsity Cagers

First row, Moore, Spaulding, Kelley, N. Smith, Fate, LeValley, Van Vleck; second row, Coach Lori, C. Stanton, Mellinger, Neuman, Harder, Kitch, R. Green, Coach Wiles.

## Fair Success For Ionia Quintet In Dramatic Court Season

With only six practices behind them, the Ionia courtmen barreled over the Fowler five by 1 point for the season's thrilling opener.

The excitement piled high for the remainder of the season as the Bulldogs showed hot and cold playing. When the curtain closed on the season, the final scores showed a fair year of 6 wins and 7 losses.

The second team, composed mostly of young aggressive freshmen, gained valuable experience although they won but two games. Their coach, Ray Wiles, developed a lot of hidden talent during the year.

Coach Lou Lori awarded 7 coveted letters. Vet-

erans who received awards were John Moore, Howard Fate, Nathan Smith, Dick Kelley and Dick Spaulding; reserves Doug Neuman and Max Van Vleck earned their letters by their untiring efforts. Nathan Smith and Howard Fate were elected honorary co-captains for the Ionia quintet of '44-'45. In February, the season looked dull when Coach was called by the army, but Uncle Sam had a heart, and Lori received a deferment which carried him through the athletic season.

Next year's team will drive down the floor to victory with the loss of only one regular, Nat Smith.

## Stand-Ins



First row, Gustafson, Hawley, McKendry, Gierman, Wilder, Hodson. Second row, Coach Lori, R. Christenson, Spencer, Hattinger, Langdon, Kohloff, Dawson, Coach Wiles.

# Amateurs Prepare For Future Roles As Flashy Cage Stars

The team as a whole scored a total of 466 points against 494 for opposing squads. High scorer, Howard Fate, had 111 points for the season. Second in the scoring was Nat Smith, flashy forward, with 80 points. Just behind Smith was John Moore, towering 6' 5" center, with 78. The

guards, Dick Spaulding and Dick Kelley, scored 68 and 47 points respectively.

In the first tournament game Ionia led Lowell until the last second and lost in an overtime to end the cage season.

## Ionia 1944-1945 Schedule

Ionia . . . . .	28	Fowler . . . . .	27
Ionia . . . . .	23	Belding . . . . .	25
Ionia . . . . .	18	Hastings . . . . .	56
Ionia . . . . .	23	Carson City . . . . .	29
Ionia . . . . .	23	Hastings . . . . .	42
Ionia . . . . .	50	Stanton . . . . .	32
Ionia . . . . .	17	Greenville . . . . .	45
Ionia . . . . .	56	St. Johns . . . . .	15
Ionia . . . . .	30	Greenville . . . . .	36
Ionia . . . . .	60	State Hospital . . . . .	54
Ionia . . . . .	35	Belding . . . . .	50
Ionia . . . . .	31	Lake Odessa . . . . .	22
Ionia . . . . .	42	St. Johns . . . . .	27
Ionia . . . . .	30	Lowell . . . . .	34
Total . . . . .	466	Total . . . . .	494



# Diamond Attraction — Now Showing

Ionia high's '45 baseball season was initiated in March, as early spring weather saw 28 "sluggers" out for sand-lot practices.

Notable varsity players were Don Geiger, Dick Kelley, Beryl Munn, Dick Neustifter, Stan Thomas, Lawrence Hoffman, Leonard Schwab and Chris Harder. Geiger, a junior letterman, captured the catcher's post against strenuous competition. Letterman Kelley, also a junior, won the pitching position with his fast curve ball. Soph Beryl Munn played a good ball game at first base. Neustifter, also playing his second year, held down the second base spot. Thomas, a letter winner, played his junior year game at shortstop. Hoffman, senior letterman, whipped

the ball to first from his third base position. Schwab, a lanky junior letterman, admonished opposing players not to "slug 'em" in the vicinity of left field. Freshman Chris Harder will undoubtedly advance from his center field spot.

Other active contributors to the diamond sport were Merton Putnam, Fred Greening, Chuck Perrien, Max Van Vleck, Weston Hatinger, Gerry Wilder, Fred Mellinger, Carroll Stanton, Clyde Spencer, Chuck Langdon, Bob Hodson, Richard Sible, Richard Comer, Bob Heppe, Lavern Raab, Bob Kenny, Tom Sullivan, Frank Frost, Jack Pearce and Gordon Hill.

Baseball managers were Harold Harley and Don Hanline.

## 1945 Baseball Schedule

April 20	. . .	Fowler	. . .	Here
April 24	. . .	Greenville	. .	Here
April 27	. . .	Fowler	. . .	There
May 1	. . .	Open		
May 4	. . .	Belding	. . .	There
May 8	. . .	Open		
May 11	. . .	Open		
May 15	. . .	Greenville	. .	There
May 18	. . .	Hastings	. . .	There
May 22	. . .	Lake Odessa	. .	Here
May 25	. . .	Belding	. . .	Here
May 29	. . .	Open		



**ALLAINE A. WOLFE** — The recreational division of the Red Cross attracted Miss Wolfe soon after school began last fall. Before leaving for duty with the Red Cross in March she was head of the girls' phys. ed. and adviser for the G.A.A. Coming from Grand Rapids, she attended the junior college there and was awarded a B.S. degree at M.S.C.

**NAOMI E. FALAN** — Pretty Miss Falan, busy with her A-1 students at the Emerson, also demonstrated her athletic ability as co-sponsor of the G.A.A. After Miss Wolfe's departure, she became head of the organization. A graduate of Western, she possesses a B.S. degree and is a member of the Kappa Delta Phi. Coin collecting, crocheting, and sports are her hobbies.

## G. A. A. Sportsters In Rehearsal

The girl sportsters were under the able leadership of Miss Allaine Wolfe and Miss Naomi Falan. Geraldine Griffin, member of the organization for two years, was elected president. To aid her were the vice-president Katherine Rich, Janice Donalson, who had the white collar duties, and Colleen Moore as chief teller.

Besides developing bulging biceps the girls sold hot dogs to the energetic fans during football games. After the Stanton vs. Ionia game, the girls played hostess to the hungry gridders of both teams. Another special event of the season was

the Christmas party with Miss Falan and Miss Wolfe as hostesses where gifts were exchanged. In the spring the girls had a Sadie Hawkins' party with music furnished by Johnny Barnes' band.

In the regular Monday night sessions of G.A.A. the girls strove to learn the rules and techniques of volley ball and basketball. Later in the year four bowling teams and a tumbling squad were organized.

Before Miss Wolfe's departure to the Red Cross recreational division in March, the girls gave a farewell party in her honor.

First row, J. Kenny, A. Nielsen, Bradley, Hackett, Rhoades; second row, Bippely, Hinds, B. Youngs, Martin, Lindeman, J. Joslin, L. Stanton, Wolfert, G. Griffin; third row, Miss Wolfe,

Stevenson, Jeffery, Eddy, J. Todd, Friend, Thomas, Teichmann, L. Darnell, Donalson, Miss Falan; fourth row, R. Smith, Melinger, Guilfoyle, H. Baker, Larson, Leroy, Post, Anslow, Fox.





# Flash-Back Reviews Follies of '45

## SEPTEMBER

- 8 — Back to the old grind again as school opens.
- 18 — First Spotlight meets our eyes.
- 20 — Gerry Griffin chosen to head G.A.A.
- 22 — Ionia wins a see-saw game over Carson City.
- 29 — Pep meeting for Lowell game — cheerleaders chosen.

## OCTOBER

- 2 — Cafeteria starts "dishing it out."
- 4 — Stamp and bond sales start with a bang.
- 5 — Miss Snow calls home ec'ers to order.
- 6 — Belding eleven boasts victory.
- 11 — Seventeen "greenhands" perform tricks for F.F.A.  
Mr. David Gilchrist talks on Australia.
- 13 — St. Johns makes good.
- 16 — Leonard Schwab at the stern for the juniors.
- 17 — Bullpups play a victorious first game with Saranac.
- 20 — Spotlight try-outs hear verdict.  
We show Lake Odessa the ropes.
- 23 — Keith Dickerson victorious in senior election.
- 25 — Professor William Card talks on Youth of Russia.
- 26 — "Bullpups" bow to Fowler.

## NOVEMBER

- 2 — Dewey noses out Roosevelt in close straw vote.
- 3 — Ionia bows to Hastings.
- 10 — Greenville eleven boasts a victory.
- 15-17 — Junior Red Cross drive.
- 17 — Band sponsors school party.
- 18 — Todd and McCord to head annual.
- 28 — Ionia quintet carries Fowler game by one point.
- 29 — Dr. Frank L. Rector speaks to phys. ed. classes on cancer.

## DECEMBER

- 1 — Ionia five bows to Belding.
- 6 — Ionia gridders have annual feast.
- 7 — F.F.A. defeats Palo quintet.
- 8 — Sportsters attend "Snowshoe Shuffle" sponsored by band.  
Hastings victorious over Ionia Bulldogs.
- 17 — Music groups show their stuff at Jefferson concert.
- 19 — Carson City five is victorious.
- 27 — Spotlight fetes alumni at annual tea.

## JANUARY

- 5 — Hastings five shows us again.
- 11 — F.F.A. cagers drub Belding quintet.
- 12 — Basketeers victorious in Stanton game.

- 16 — Ionia defeated by Greenville basketeers.
- 19 — Half the year over — second semester opens.  
St. Johns defeated by large margin.
- 25 — F.F.A. captures cage tourney.
- 26 — Greenville wins again.
- 30 — Band is feted at Masonic banquet.

## FEBRUARY

- 2 — Spotlight turned on Raffee Johns, winner of bond sales, and Valentine school party.
- 5 — Wayne Roush organizes a stamp club.
- 6 — Moose fetes grid squads.
- 9 — Silk City five does it again.
- 13 — Lake Odessa trips up F.F.A. cagers.
- 16 — Ionia takes Lake Odessa down a notch.
- 23 — We show St. Johns again.
- 28 — Seniors meet photo deadline.

## MARCH

- 1 — Miniature pics taken.
- 9 — Owens and Smith voted as I.H.S. royalties.
- 16 — Seniors take class tourney.  
Students say their "goodbyes" to Miss Allaine Wolfe.
- 28 — Ionia baseball team defeated by reformatory.  
Everyone trades miniature pictures.
- 29 — Committee chosen to select senior class flower, poem, and motto.

## APRIL

- 6 — Jefferson Dramatic club plays make a hit.
- 9 — After much work the "Ionian" goes to press.
- 12 — District forensic contest.
- 24 — Sand lot strategists play Greenville here.

## MAY

- 9 — Band festival held at Belding.
- 11 — Operetta "Tune In" goes over.  
Ionia "nine" plays Belding there.
- 13 — Band does itself proud in annual spring concert.
- 15 — Ionia plays on Greenville diamond.
- 18 — Tentative prom date.  
"Play ball" is heard at Hastings.
- 22 — Lake Odessa "nine" plays here.
- 25 — Baseball home game with Belding.

## JUNE

- 3 — Baccalaureate services held at Church of Christ.
- 7 — Seniors march under oak leaf chain.
- 8 — Seniors say last goodbyes at Commencement.

# Gallery Plaudits For Forensic Feats

Declaimers: Dale Rusnell, Eugene Henry

In the speech department, the show opened on eleven nervous students as they made their entrance in the high school forensic contest. When the curtain was rung down, audiences applauded Royce McCord with his first place oration, "The Forgotten Age"; Gene Henry with his first place oratorical declamation, "One Nation, Indivisible"; and Joan Guilfoyle with her first place dramatic declamation, "Lidice." Others in the cast were Ronald Powell, Dale Rusnell, Joanne Patrick, Dwight Stewart, Mae Hanline, Ruth Perrien, Bonnie Lee Skilling and Beverly Martin.



Dramatic  
Declaimers:

Joan Guilfoyle,  
Joan Patrick

Orators:

Royce McCord,  
Ronald Powell



In the district speech foray at Greenville, critics acclaimed the Ionia contingent and awarded them the majority of honors. Royce McCord, here too, won first place in oration, and Ronald Powell took second. Gene Henry took first place in oratorical declamations, and Dale Rusnell captured second spot. Dramatic declaimer, Joan Guilfoyle, was awarded third place.

Gene Henry also captured regional honors at Hudsonville, May 9, and Ronald Powell was voted Michigan's best F.F.A. orator.





Agrarians  
Basketeters  
Grand Champions

## F.F.A. Troupe Acts In Variety Show

The F.F.A., an organization for agricultural students, aimed the past year to improve their farms and the future of farm boys. To guide their work were Mr. Clifford Haslick as sponsor, Gene McPherson, president; Morris McCord, vice-president, who replaced Loyd Dye, a February graduate; Claude Strickling, secretary; Gordon Nash, treasurer; and Max VanVleck, news reporter.

A definite program of activities was set up for the year's work. Each activity was headed by a chairman and at least two assistants. These activities included supervised practice which was accomplished by encouraging each member to own his own project. Every member was required to have a long-time program. Awards were given to the members having the best project program. Another activity was the development of cooperation. An example of this is the exhibit made by the F.F.A. members at the Ionia Free Fair. Other

objects of this activity were the encouragement of the helping of a member who might become ill and would be unable to care for his project. Another feature of this activity was the organization of a junior cow testing association.

Their outstanding recreation was the basketball team. The agrarian cagers were victorious at the F.F.A. conference tourney but failed to defeat Lake-O at the finals. Members of the team were Leonard Schwab, captain, John Hague, Bob McBrayne, Beryl Munn, Roger Buxton, Arden Peterson, James Towersey, George Lake, Morris McCord, Claude Strickling and Bob Craft.

A softball team was also organized. The first game was scheduled at Lake-O.

In May the club made good its Seventh War Loan drive challenge by taking school honors. Ronald Powell also won State F.F.A. oratory championship and a trip to Chicago.



First row, Dorothy Kenny, Miss Snow, Josephine Kenny; second row, Vernice Darnell, Betty Grill, Mary Lou Jeffery, Joyce Simmons, Mary Munn; third row, Barbara Ball, Berneta Anderson, Joyce Larson, Barbara Reusser; fourth row, Doris French, Beverly Martin, Shirley Leroy, Coralie Curtis, Iris Wiles, Barbara Smith.

## Zealous Home Ec-ers In Pageantry of Skill

Behind the scenes of the future housewives' panorama were president, Joyce Steele; vice-presidents, Dorothy Kenny and Bonnie Wedderburn; secretary, Lillian Lower; treasurer, Jo Kenny.

Their big surprise turned out to be a party at the County Park lodge where the home economics club entertained the F.F.A. Later in the

year the club enjoyed a theater party and a scavenger hunt.

This year the club gathered old clothes that were still wearable and sent them for distribution to a settlement in the hills of Kentucky. In return, the club received several boxes of Christmas greens consisting of holly and mistletoe.

## Junior Red Cross, Press Agents For Wounded Vets

When the drive for Junior Red Cross membership came to a finish in the fall, the figures revealed that 42 per cent of the student body enlisted.

Many became active members and with the appointment of Dorothy Kenny, chairman, work began in earnest.

The Junior Red Cross aided the war effort by making 200 song books for men in the veterans' hospitals. They also made 5 dozen nut cups, many Christmas cards, and washcloths which were greatly appreciated by the servicemen. In the spring, the Red Cross prepared "educational boxes" to send to children overseas whose homes and schools had been destroyed by the enemy.

The Junior Red Cross played an important role in the daily lives of the many who participated in the activity.

First row, Norma Yoder, Mae Hanline, Josephine Kenny, Mary Munn, Joyce Simmons; Second row, Vernice Darnell, Mary Lou Jeffery, Miss Snow, Jane Ann Glossi, Marion Dadd; Third row, Coralie Curtis, Marilyn Moore, Anita Sherman; Fourth row, Dorothy Kenny, Doris French, Betty Grill, Miss Guilford, Madeline York, Barbara Ball, Iris Wiles.







**Press Gang  
Linotype**

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                             Vleck, Beverly Youngs



**Deadline  
Scavengers**

## Press-Men Spotlight News of the Day

More than ever, this year, during war-troubled times, has Ionia high been fortunate in having a section of the local paper for the school news. Because of the paper shortage, in March, the "Spotlight" was cut to only 2 columns. However, after a lapse of 2 or 3 weeks, the sheet was back to the original 4. The paper shortage also necessitated a shift in publication date from Monday to Tuesday.

At the beginning of the school year 13 veterans returned to begin the task of putting to press the '44-'45 "Spotlight." Yes! of course there were new reporters, 11 in all, who thought they, too, would like a part in issuing the "Spotlight"! With this industrious staff, the "Spotlight" never missed a publication in spite of several vacation periods. This is an all-time record which has never been equalled.

Meetings were, as before, every Tuesday at 11:30; discussions of new assignments and omissions from the previous issue were among the weekly features. Thursday and Friday were the deadline nights, which set the staff to editing copy, writing headlines and typing the stories. Every Tuesday, two of the Spotlighters strolled down Union hill to proof-read the columns.

With Bill Youngs as chairman, the staff conducted the first presidential straw-vote in the county. The group renewed the custom of the annual Alumni tea at Christmas time. Parties included one February 13 for the staff and guests, and one in the spring announcing the new editor, at the Bertha Brock Park.

It was with feelings of both joy and regret that the seniors on the staff gave up their pencil-pushing for their alma mater.

Box  
Office



Silver  
Medalists



Victory  
Agents

First row, Betty Grieve, Marilyn Friend, Mary Lou Hawley, Gloria Cottrell; Second row, Bette Jane Allen, Alice Ketchum, Maxine Mitchell, Beverly Bailey, Betty Shunk; Third row, Mr. Roys.

## Bond Gallants In Sales Rally

The freshmen took the lead in the sale of war bonds in the sixth war loan drive class contest. They sold \$8,001.35 out of the \$15,273.05 worth of bonds sold by high school students in the drive. Following the freshmen were the sophomores with \$3,275.85, the juniors with \$3,160.40, and the seniors with \$835.45. The spotlight was turned on Raffee Johns, who brought in \$6,069.25; Roger Nielsen with \$2,142.50; Betty Heath with \$1,768.75; Anne Putnam with \$478.50; and Marilyn Moore with \$322.20 in bonds when they were

awarded medals on March 9 for being top salesmen.

Excluding the contest sales, a total of \$1,148.85 for stamps and bonds was taken in at the "box office" as of April 1 this year by student salesmen under the sponsorship of Mr. Gerald Roys. Of this total, \$566.70 was taken in for bonds and \$612.15 from stamps. The seventh war loan drive was being organized when the "Ionian" went to press.

## Ring Up Curtain on Philatelists

For the first time in the history of I.H.S. a stamp collectors club was organized by Wayne Roush under the sponsorship of J. G. Fleckenstein.

The officers were Wayne Roush, president, and Joan Bowne, secretary. Other members were Dwight Stewart, Richard Kulfan, Robert Braman, Fred Greening, Terry Barker, James Townsend, Richard Burns, Beverly Coulson, Vernon Graves, and Dick Kimble.







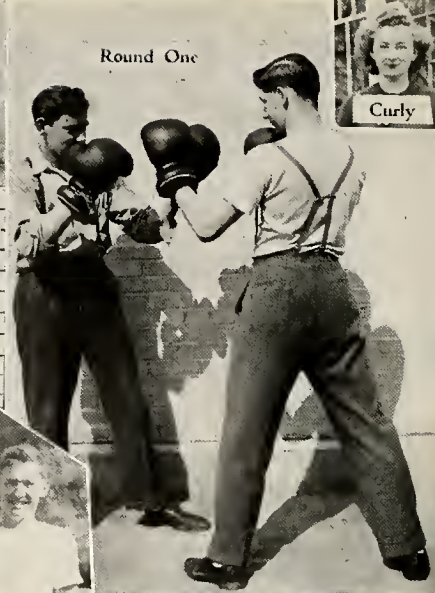
In the Suit



Pat



Sisters



Round One



Curly



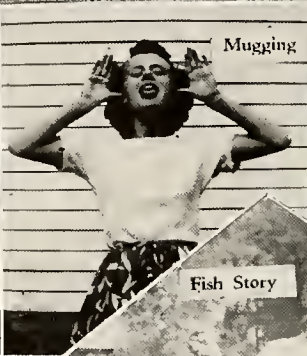
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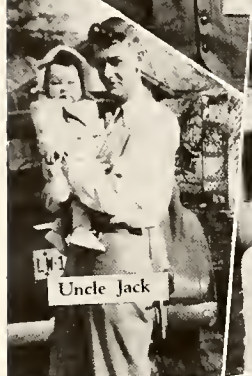
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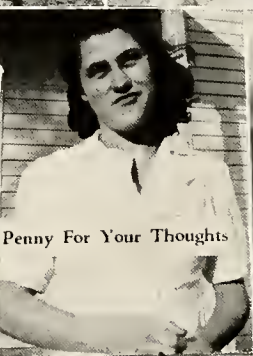
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Always Together



Punting



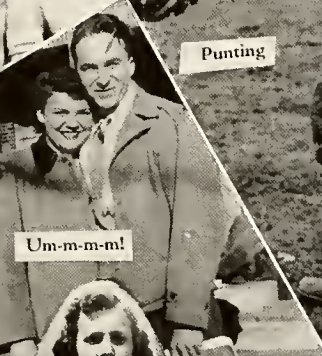
Penny For Your Thoughts



Summertime



Glamour Gals



Um-m-m-m!



Never Apart



Captain



Three's a Crowd



What's the Catch?



Car Trouble



Don't Fence Me In



Coy



Spring Fever



Giggles



Gotta Run?





# **THE GREEN YEARS**





Dolores Allen  
Beverly Bailey  
Juanita Baker  
Norvall Bishop

Gerald Blow  
Joan Bradley  
Richard Bradley  
Robert Braman

Doris Burger  
Richard Burns  
Richard Christensen  
Wesley Christensen

Harold Clark  
Lawrence Cobb  
Betty Collins  
Shirley Coon

Gilbert Cotter  
Gordon Cotter  
Gloria Cottrell  
Charles Courser

Carol Covert  
Jean Culp  
Marion Dadd  
Caryl Darnell

Izola Davis  
Arthur Davis, Jr.  
Phillip Dawson  
Wayne Densmore

Mary Jo Dodes  
Mary Lou Douglas  
Dorothy Eddy  
Nancy Edington

Beulah Esham  
Neal First  
Joan Fleckenstein  
Joanne Font

Frank Frost  
Irene Fuller  
Richard Fuller  
Alice Furman

Phyllis Gallagher  
Garold Galloway  
Shirley Garland  
Von Geiger

Karl Gierman  
Jane Ann Glossi  
John Greening  
Elizabeth Grieve

Bill Gustafson  
Peggy Haberstumpf  
Janice Hackett  
Robert Hahn

Don Hanline  
David Hanson  
Andrew Hannulcik  
Chris Harder

Harold Harley  
Weston Hattinger  
Robert Heppie  
Joyce Hermans

Willard Hickok  
Joan Higbee  
Geraldine Higgins  
Gorden Hill

Nancy Hilton  
Bob Hodson  
Virginia Holbrook  
Donna Horrigan

Jack Horrocks  
Donald Hull  
Mary Lou Jeffery  
Raffee Johns

Gordon Johnston  
Joanne Joslin  
Lorana Kauffman  
Floyd Kenney

Josephine Kenny  
Stephen Kenter  
Richard Kenyon  
Joan Kernan

Alice Ketchem  
Don Kohloff  
Dick Kulfan  
Lucena Lafler

George Lake  
Charles Langdon  
Patricia Lazarus  
Darlene Lindeman

## Frosh Take Their Screen Tests —

The freshmen began their high school career very successfully by outselling all the other classes in the bond drive held last fall. Salesmen Robert Braman, Raffee Johns, Margaret Strand, and Carol Wingeier helped the freshmen sell \$8,001.35 worth of bonds. One of their members, Carol Wingeier, was a candidate in the contest for the popularity queen.



Ann Longanbach  
Roland McFaden  
Thomas McKendry  
Gordon Maltby

Donald Martin  
John Martin  
June Mier  
Lynn Miller

Geraldine Misner  
Robert Montgomery  
Celia Moon  
LaVern Moore

Joyce Motcheck  
Mary Munn  
Joe Murphy  
Earl Nelson

Ralph Nelson  
Donald Oliphant  
Lois Otto  
Eugene Parker

Joanne Patrick  
Richard Peabody  
Jack Pearce  
Ruth Perrien

Lois Perry  
Arden Peterson  
Earl Peterson  
Jane Peterson

Jean Peterson  
Dorothy Phillips  
Lois Piper  
James Pollington

Robert Reister  
Delores Reynolds  
Jo Ann Reynolds  
Patricia Reynolds

Marilyn Ries  
Ruthanne Roberts  
Richard Robinson  
Pearl Ross

Bill Rowe  
Dale Rusnell  
Karl Rusnell  
Joyce Scheid

Robert Scholtens  
Oren Shattuck  
Anita Sherman  
Betty Shunk

Richard Sible  
Joyce Simmons  
Robert Slater  
Anna Smalley

Barbara Smith  
Bob Sochor  
June Sonier  
Edward Spangler

Carroll Stanton  
Lorene Stanton  
Harry Steele  
Merlene Steele

Dwight Stewart  
Margaret Strand  
Donna Sutton  
Keith Sypher

Margie Thomas  
Joanne Todd  
George Totten  
Pearl Utter

Max VanVleck  
Bill Weber  
Conrad Weller  
Franklin White

Lawrence White  
Mary Ellen White  
Jack Wilcox  
Dolores Wilder

Gerry Wilder  
Joyce Winchell  
Carol Wingeier  
Donald Wolfert

Melba Wolfert  
Helen Yoder  
Norma Yoder  
Paul Young

Beverly Youngs  
Carol Youngs  
Marilyn Youngs



## — And Aim For Stardom

Richard Christensen, Karl Gierman, Bill Gustafson, Chris Harder, Harold Harley, Weston Hatinger, Bob Hodson, Don Kohloff, Charles Langdon, Thomas McKendry, Carroll Stanton, and Gerry Wilder, by placing on the second team, took their screen tests for future starring parts as I.H.S. athletes.





Alvin Adair  
Berneta Anderson  
Laura May Anderson  
Lois Anslow  
Betty Arntz

Doris Bailey  
Barbara Ball  
Velma Beach  
Eugene Beck (Henry)

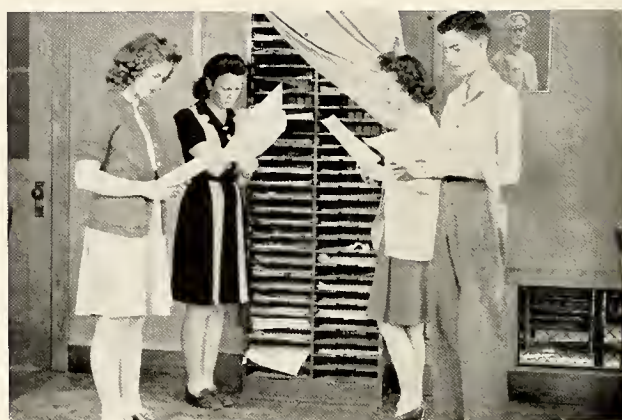
Douglas Benedict  
Jane Bentley  
Richard Bentley  
Nancy Buck

## Runners-Up

### Soph Starlets —

The sophomores made a fine showing in the forensic bouts. In the school eliminations, Mae Hanline and Bonnie Lee Skilling were runners-up. Freshmen Ruth Perrien and Dwight Stewart also contested.

Betty Heath was a winner in the stamp and bond contest with a total of 33 bonds amounting to \$1,768.75. Other bond salesmen who did not compete in the contest were Janice Mellinger, Mary Lou Hawley and Ruth Smith. The sophomore sales amounted to \$3,275.85.



Shirley Burlingame  
Audrey Chapin  
Dorothy Chapin  
Marilyn Coe  
Richard Comer  
Coralie Curtis  
Wilna Durkee

Robert Ford  
Joyce Fox  
Marilyn Friend  
Kenneth Getts  
Joanne Gierman  
Dorothy Glossi  
Norma Lou Glossi

Richard Green  
Fred Greening  
Betty Grill  
Lois Grill  
Patsy Haas  
Robert Hague  
Virginia Hamlin

Mae Hanline  
Mary Hawley  
Willard Hawley  
Betty Heath  
Bernice Helmer  
Marjorie Helmes  
Phyllis Henry

Lorna Heppe  
Richard Herron  
Lloyce Hill  
Hugh Hodges  
Gene Horn  
Gordon Jack  
Mary Jo Joslin

Catherine Keihl  
Robert Kenny  
Merrill Ketchum  
Richard Kimble  
Stanley Kitch  
Joyce Larson  
Shirley Leroy





Dick LeValley  
Wesley Longanback  
Robert Luz  
Joyce McKendry  
Dortha McQuillan

Arlo Manley  
Joyce Marsh  
Janice Mellinger  
Maxine Mitchell  
Colleen Moore

Harold Mulnix  
Beryl Munn  
Dick Nenstifter  
Louis Nichols



## Soph Cagers



## — Await Contracts

The sophomore class was not organized with officers this year, but the members were active in many school activities. The G.A.A. and home ec. club consisted mostly of sophomore girls as do the bowling teams connected with the school.

A strong and powerful sophomore basketball squad competed against the seniors in the final round of the class tourney. Stan Kitch, Arlo Manley, Max VanVleck, Quentin Britson, Doug Benedict and Richard Green comprised the outfit.



Marjorie Nielsen  
Norene Parker  
Uldene Parker  
Joan Peahody  
Donna Point  
Nancy Post  
Dick Potter

Opal Priest  
Merton Putnam  
LaVern Raab  
Shirley Reglin  
Barbara Reusser  
Arlene Rhoades  
Marjorie Rhoades

Dorothy Rieger  
Maryetta Roberts  
Helen Ross  
Arthur Sawtell  
Margaret Schwab  
Joyce Scott  
Victor Schamp

Bonnie Lee Skilling  
Harriet Smalley  
Arloa Smith  
Ruth Smith  
Dick Spaulding  
Clyde Spencer  
Alvin Stanton

Richard Steen  
Mary Anne Stevenson  
Carol Stowe  
Claude Strickling  
Tom Sullivan  
Alice Teichmann  
Ardith Thalison

Kenneth Todd  
Jeanette Travis  
Richard Wagner  
Iris Wilder  
Virginia Wray  
Alan Yoman  
Madeline York





Cabinet

## Prom-Puzzled Juniors —

The juniors started the year with the election of class officers. They were president, Leonard Schwab; vice-president, Charles Markle; secretary, Thelma Young; treasurer, Paul Echlin; sergeant-at-arms, Clarence Haas.

Anne Putnam distinguished the junior class by her achievement in the 6th War Loan Bond Sale by selling 11 bonds at \$478.50.

Jean Allen  
Marian Badder  
Helen Baker

Gordon Ball  
John Barnes  
Russell Breckon  
Roger Buxton  
Patricia Clay  
Dorothy Coates  
Beverly Coulson

Robert Craft  
Bruce Densmore  
Paul Echlin  
Burton Essex  
Howard Fate  
Velma Frost  
Donald Funk

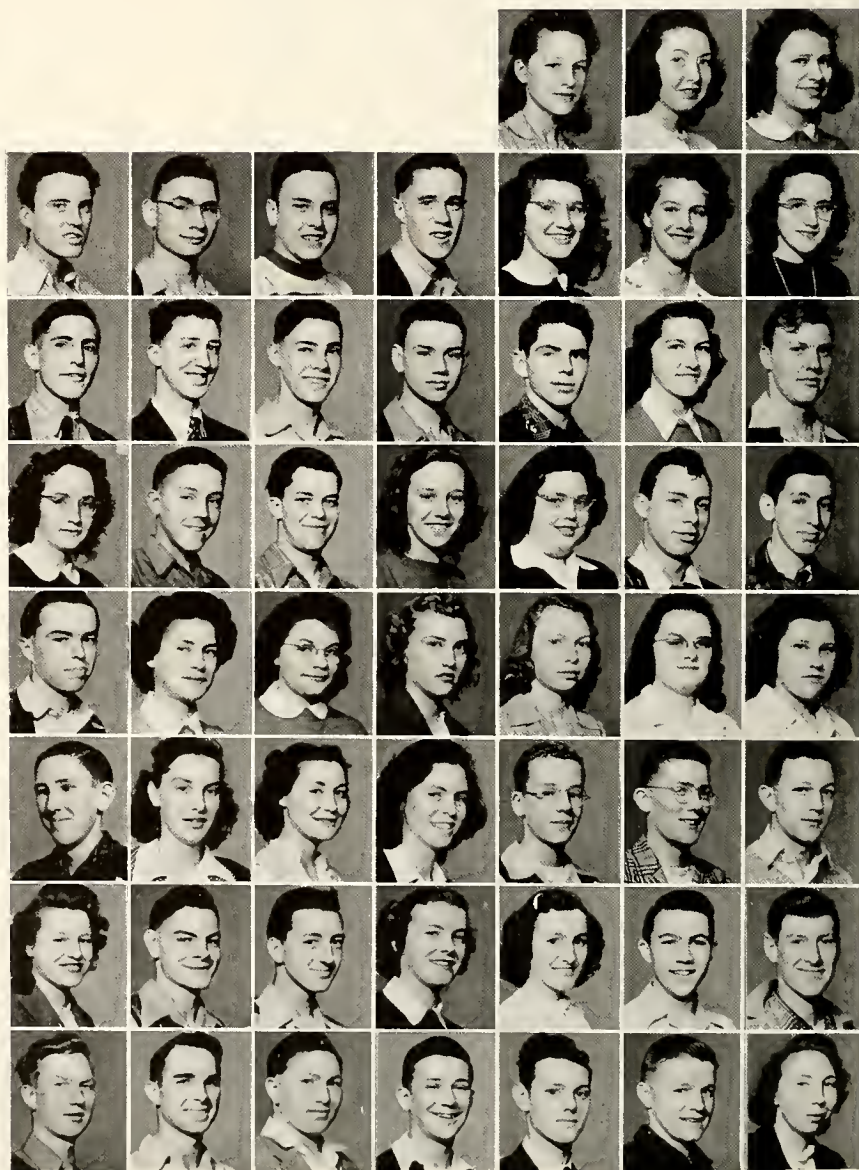
LaVone Gardner  
Lester Garland  
Donald Geiger  
Eleanor Grieve  
Joan Guilfoyle  
Clarence Haas  
Robert Hanline

Kenneth Harley  
Marcia Harwood  
Phyllis Hermans  
Anna Jean Higbee  
Barbara Higbee  
Marcia Holbrook  
Louise Holcomb

Roy Howorth  
Marilyn Jones  
Georgiabelle Jenks  
Janet Jepson  
Kenneth Johnson  
Richard Jones  
William Joslyn

Viola Kamradt  
Richard Kelley  
James Kuehn  
Phyllis Losey  
Lillian Lower  
Raymond Lower  
Robert McBrayne

Morris McCord  
Gene McPherson  
Monroe MacPherson  
Charles Markle  
Gerald Martin  
Fred Mellinger  
Donna Mier



## — Plan For Premiere

Maxine Stanton, Eleanor Grieve, Marilyn Vanhetloo, Charles Markle, Paul Echlin, and Leonard Schwab had the honor of selecting the style of the class rings.

The success of the prom was made possible by the efforts of general chairman, Marilyn Vanhetloo; chairman of decorations, Richard Jones; invitations and dance program, Carol Ross; program, Katherine Rich; music, John Barnes; sophomore servers, Ada Jean Nielsen; refreshments, Marian Badder; clean up, John Moore; and their committees.



Ring Committee



Marjorie Moehlman  
John Moore  
Robert Mundt

Gordon Nash  
Douglas Neuman  
Ada Jean Nielsen  
Roger Nielsen  
Daniel Owens  
Charles Perrien  
Helen Pike

Genevieve Pinkston  
David Piper  
Mary Jane Polen  
Lucille Possehn  
Ronald Powell  
Anne Putnam  
Marian Reister

Katherine Rich  
Hazel Ritenburgh  
Mary Helen Roche  
Imogene Rosecrance  
Carol Jean Ross  
Wayne Roush  
Avis Rusnell

LaVern Sargeant  
Janet Scheiern  
Carlene Schild  
Mary Schlernitzauer  
Evelyn Scholtens  
Oneta Schroeder  
Leonard Schwab

John Shattuck  
Doris Sheriff  
Florence Snell  
Leila Stanton  
Maxine Stanton  
Joyce Steele  
Joyce Stiles

Bernice Swain  
Gerald Tafel  
Stanley Thomas  
Dewey Tjalsma  
Janet Todd  
James Townsend  
Daniel Tuller

Elizabeth Tuttle  
Marilyn Vanhetloo  
Ned White  
Eleanor Winslow  
Claragene Wirtz  
Thelma Young  
Bill Youngs





Chalk Talk



Di'n Know ya Cared



Pals



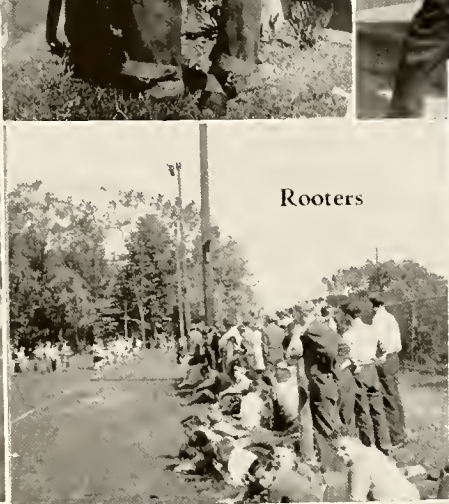
Who ordered chicken?



Jeannie



Buck



Rooters



Bonnie



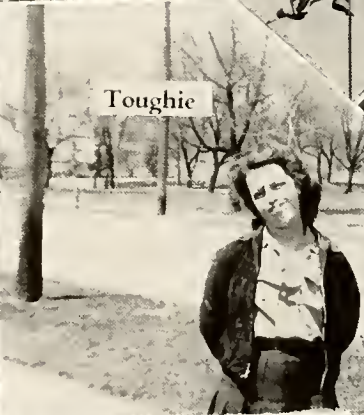
Loafing



Duke



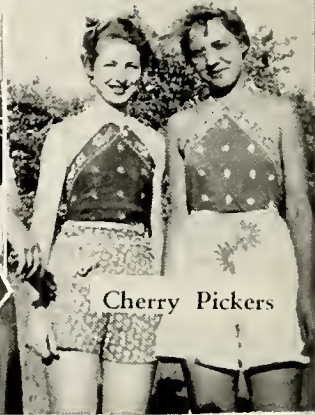
Stair Steps



Toughie



Dare ya!



Cherry Pickers



Irium Fiend



Friends



At Bat



Grid Vets



Three Years Together





**GRAND FINALE**

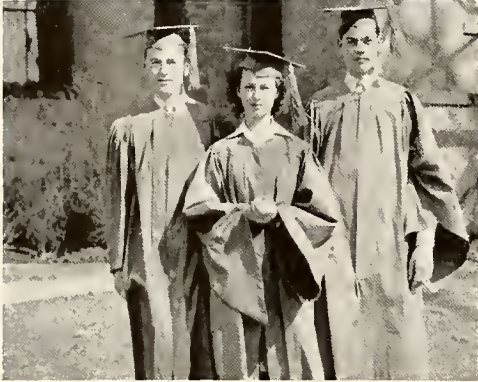




## Class Day Program

**Historians:** Avis Harwood  
Eleanor Westbrook

**Prophets:** Bea Brown  
June Redemsky



**Valedictorian:** Royce McCord

**Salutatorian:** Marjorie Todd

**President:** Keith Dickerson

# March of Time

The prologue of our senior high life began with Marjorie Todd and Janice Donalson as leads on the student council. A W.P.A. party took the limelight in the spring. The award of the season was presented to Marjorie Todd for winning first place in the building declamation contest.

The curtain went up on Act I when we entered the senior high building as sophomores. Miss Martha Zemke and Mrs. Agnes Haloma ushered this first act. Leads were President Kent Raymor; Vice-President Harold Hawley; Secretary Barbara Wilson and Treasurer Jane Temelco. June Redemsky won second in the district speech contest with her dramatic declamation. Arla Rusnell was awarded second place in the building contest by the critics. As the curtain fell on Act I, Lorraine McKendry had just been crowned Victory Queen, and Sally Harkness was standing near-by as part of her royal court.

Principals in Act II were President Bob Whitesides; Vice-President Marjorie Todd; Secretary June Redemsky; Treasurer Doris Owens and Sergeant-at-arms Kenneth Selleck. Athletic laurels were presented to Bob Whitesides, Kent Raymor and Kenneth Selleck. Bea Brown and Joan Bowne held many spellbound with their eloquence on the debate team. While the second act was in progress, a benefit for the United States Treasury was held in which Jack Fox,

a musician, went on a U.S.O. tour with his troupe and sold \$12,443.75 worth of E bonds. Allen Robertson's troupe was second with a total of \$1,774. Under the general direction of Marjorie Todd, and art director, Margaret Bippely and her staff, the setting of the last scene was changed to the Jefferson gym, which was converted into a merry-go-round. Prompters were Miss Martha Zemke and C. B. Morrall.

The setting of the final act found publicity editor, Doris Owens, bustling around with the Spotlight, and Royce McCord and Marjorie Todd with the central staff involved in the intricacies of producing the '45 "Ionian." The cast was headed by President Keith Dickerson; Vice-President Wayne Douglas; Secretary Doris Owens; Treasurer Allen Robertson; and Sergeant-at-arms Royce McCord. Directors for the last act were Miss Virginia Cooper and Principal Lloyd Smith. The most popular actor and actress of the year were determined by a poll of annual buyers' votes. Their Highnesses were Nathan Smith and Doris Owens, top honor student who was ineligible for either the valedictory or salutatory honors because she did not attend Ionia four years. The last scene found Marjorie Todd and Royce McCord giving the salutatory and valedictory under the oaks on class day. As the curtain fell, the graduates with their diplomas in hand marched out into life.

# Bequests to Understudies

We, the elated Seniors of the Ionia High School, City of Ionia, State of Michigan, not knowing what lies ahead, but being fully aware that soon we shall leave this edifice of learning forever, do lastly designate to said persons, to cherish and possess, the following articles, namely:

## I

We, the Senior class, do leave to the faculty the trials and tribulations of guiding an obstinate student body through another year of enlightenment and devilry.

## II

We, the Senior class, do leave to our underclassmen (as a whole) our good looks, jovial natures, superior intelligence, and all-around popularity.

## III

First: We, the Seniors, do leave to the inferior Juniors the chance that we missed to give a senior play.

Second: We, the Seniors, do leave to the Sophomores two tedious years of breaking through traffic in the halls to reach their lockers and still get to class on time.

Third: We, the Seniors, do leave to the Freshmen the memory of our great accomplishment as the incentive to work diligently in reaching even greater height.

## IV

I, Bob Whitesides, do leave my athletic ability and masculine attractiveness to Charles Perrien.

I, Allen Robertson, do leave my extensive vocabulary to Bill Youngs.

I, Doris Owens, do leave the headaches of telling Spot-lighters the deadline to anyone with a strong will and convincing tone of voice.

I, Harry Hazzard, do leave my professor-like countenance to Victor Shamp.

I, Lorraine Darnell, do leave my artistic ability to Dick Jones.

I, Jack Fox, do leave my butcher shop experience to anyone agile enough to dodge the falling cleaver.

I, Wayne Douglas, do leave my melodic tones to Dan Owens. May he gain as much admiration from the fair sex as I have.

I, Keith Dickerson, do leave my able leadership to anyone desirous of becoming class president.

I, Frank Alfonso, do leave my witty remarks to Mr. Thompson. May they take the place of those old ones of his.

I, Richard Burlingame, do leave my speaking ability to John Barnes. May it bring him glory.

I, Muriel Hope, do leave my driving ability to Don Funk provided he can keep his car running.

I, Martha Hasman, do leave my history class "Oh's!" and "Ah's!" to Anne Putnam, who has a large supply of her own.

I, Jane Welch, do leave my towering height to Janet Todd.

We, Robin Williams and Howard Linebaugh, do leave our enthusiasm over aviation to Wayne Roush and Raymond Lower, who already have a good start.

I, Joe McCord, do leave my rosy blush to my cousin, Morris. It keeps the girls interested.

I, Nathan Smith, do leave my "Hollywood" profile to Dick LeValley. Make the girls' hearts flutter as I have, Dick.

I, Marjorie Todd, do leave my quiet manner and friendliness to anyone and everyone.

I, Eleanor Westbrook, do leave my perennial good humor to Marilyn VanHetloo.

We hereby appoint Lloyd T. Smith sole executor of this, our last will and testament.

Signed,

The Senior Class of 1945.

We hereby attest that the preceding instrument was, in our presence, signed, sealed, and declared by the Senior class to be our last will and testament.

Signed,

Joe McCord.

Notary Public

Joan Bowne

My commission expires June 8, 1945.

**Spade presentation:**

**Junior president, Leonard Schwab  
John Hague**

**Song: Harry Hazzard  
Allen Robertson  
Doris Owens**

**Will: Joe McCord  
Joan Bowne**

**Poet: Richard Burlingame**







Solicitors



Script Writers



Cameraman

The Royal Court

# Theater of School Life Dramatized in "Ionian"



Here it is! The central staff is happy to present this the '45 IONIAN.

In staging the production, the staff used as its theme, the ever moving "theater" of high school life. The staff has tried to produce a book equal to those which have preceded this one, in spite of wartime shortages of film and paper.

Although the central staff consists of only eleven, among the indispensable "stage hands" are script writers, salesmen, typists Marian Bailey, Betty Christopher, Janice Donaldson, Avis Harwood, Margaret Bippely, Betty Bruyette and Carley Warden, and make-up helper, Frank Alfonso.

Production began late in November '44, with the selection of the "leads" Marjorie and Royce. In December, the rest of the staff was named and put to work. The curtain rose in January when the staff set out to sell ads to finance the yearbook. Act two covered the busy literary committee, the puzzled and wrinkled-browed business gang, and Mr. Morse and the photography

committee dashing about "shooting" people and familiar places.

Interest in sales arose through the contest staged by the staff for a "King and Queen of Popularity." After two elimination contests the name of Nathan Smith and Doris Owens lit the marquee, with supporting roles by Royce McCord, Carol Wingieier, Keith Dickerson and Marjorie Todd. The coronation took place March 9 in a general assembly in the library and was complete with a fanfare, pages, the court, and a processional. The king and queen were crowned by Miss Virginia Cooper and were seated upon a golden throne before rippled powder-blue background. A short program preceded the main event. The assembly was planned and staged by Miss Brown, June Redemsky, and Bea Brown. This, too, was the act in which Mr. Smith and Miss Brown left each night with a worse headache than the night before.

Act three disclosed the final product, proofread, printed, covered, and ready for distribution.



## The Staff

Director (Editor-in-chief)	Royce McCord
Business Manager	Marjorie Todd
Literary Editor	Doris Owens
Literary Committee	Eleanor Westbrook, Allen Robertson, Keith Dickerson, Richard Burlingame
Photography Committee	June Redemsky, Bea Brown, Jane Welch
Art Editor	Harry Hazzard
Faculty Advisers	Miss Mabel E. Brown, Lloyd T. Smith
Photographer	Clifford Morse

## Honor Students

**ROYCE McCORD** — Valedictorian of the senior class, Royce topped off his high school career by being editor of the annual and sergeant-at-arms of the class. Dramatic club, boy scouts, oratorical first place victory and bowling are memories of this future flyer or seaman. He was a high-ranking candidate for popularity.

**MARJORIE TODD** — Marge climaxed a busy four years as salutatorian. Her twinkling personality won her the positions of general chairman of the prom, vice-president of the junior class and business manager of the "Ionian." After winning first place in declamations in the ninth grade, music enticed her into a cappella and girls' chorus.



## Coveted "Oscars" for Top Performers

President . . . . .	Keith Dickerson
Valedictorian . . . . .	Royce McCord
Salutatorian . . . . .	Marjorie Todd
Scholarship . . . . .	Betty Bruyette
Music . . . . .	June Redemsky
Band . . . . .	Doris Owens
Athletics . . . . .	Wayne Douglas
Cheerleader . . . . .	Mildred Goward
Activities . . . . .	Beatrice Brown, Joan Bowne
Citizenship . . . . .	Eleanor Westbrook, Richard Burlingame
Science . . . . .	Avis Harwood
Mathematics . . . . .	Joseph McCord
Home Economics . . . . .	Anna Lee Potter
U. of M. Scholarship . . . . .	Bea Brown

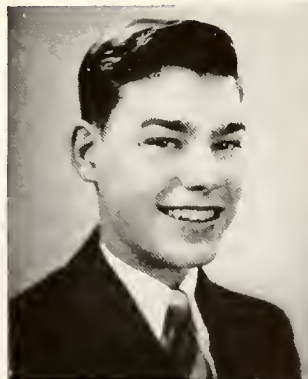
## Class Officers

**KEITH DICKERSON** — Besides being president of the class of '45, this lad with the snapping eyes and winsome smile had his life complicated by F.F.A. and basketball 2, 3, and the glaring faces of the opponents' grid-men. While he's busy hunting, fishing, swimming, or hiking, Keith's mind tosses thoughts of the coast guard.

**WAYNE DOUGLAS** — Participating in boys' chorus, a cappella choir, boys' quartet, and football has kept jovial Wayne on the go. His popularity made him vice-president of the senior class. The navy medical corps will be augmented by his membership after graduation.

**DORIS OWENS** — Doris, first place senior and queen of popularity, helped keep the band in step with her lively flamadiddles. As Spotlight editor she and her staff beat the deadlines each week. Her love of music found her in band 2, 3, 4, orchestra 2, 3, sextette 3, 4. Her other activities of G.A.A., 2, 3, annual lit. editor, junior treasurer, and senior secretary left her few spare moments.

**ALLEN ROBERTSON** — A master of both pipe organ and piano, the "Maestro" is known for his witty remarks that circulate throughout his classes. Besides being class treasurer and working on the annual, his talent has blossomed out in a cappella, boys' chorus, and the operetta. The Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Music will be responsible for his future.





**FRANK ALFONSO** — Dashing Frank, who soon will wear the navy blue, is full of pranks and fun. His perpetual smiles decorated his cornet through 4 years of band and one of dance band. When not using his student pilot license, Frank buzzes around town on his "sputterbox."

**BETTY JANE ALLEN** — Spirited and full of fun is Betty who is going to attend Ferris Institute this summer. She blended her alto voice with girls' chorus for two years and a cappella choir as a senior. She displayed her athletic ability in G.A.A. in her sophomore year.

**MARIAN BAILEY** — Girl scouts 1, chorus 1, G.A.A. 2, 3, and band 2, preceded this senior lassie's salesmanship for the annual. Marian's perpetual gaiety made frequent riding trips with her friends enjoyable. She works in the school office, but a nurse's course appeals to her.

**DOROTHY BAIRD** — With the rhythm of horses' hoofs in her blood, "Dottie" is also fond of the old swimming hole and skating rink. The click of an office typewriter sounds intriguing to this winning senior miss who has white-collar plans.



**MARGARET BIPPLEY** — The prom decorations kept vivacious Margaret in a merry-go-whirl when G.A.A., girls' chorus, a cappella didn't demand her presence. Margaret's spare time is spent "jerking sodas," reading or embroidering; the atmosphere of an office will soon draw energetic Margaret into its folds.

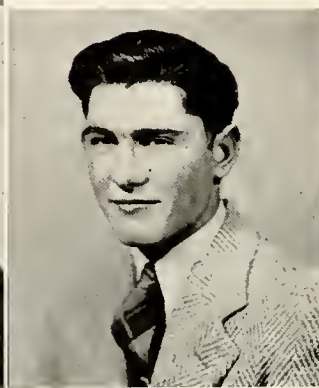


**JOAN BOWNE** — Joan fingered the licorice stick through 3 years of band and orchestra, one of dance band, was one fourth of the clarinet quarter, and helped compose the class will. Two years of debate and three of Spotlight are also cherished experiences of this future nurse, who stood tenth in the class. Last year she was district champion in dramatic declamation.

**RICHARD BURLINGAME** — With curly black hair and sparkling wit, "Rich" has played his clarinet in orchestra 2 years, dance band one year, and band 4 years. Dick was secretary of the junior class, senior poet, member of the annual staff and the operetta. Being Spotlight news editor kept him on the go, but "Rich" also drew ninth spot in the senior class. He hopes to study radar.



**COLLEEN BRAIL** — "Strikes" and "spares" clutter Colleen's mind when she isn't occupied in the shop. Her black curly head is in a dither over future plans.



**BEATRICE BROWN** — Always on the go, Bea twirled her baton in the marching band, achieved the position of literary editor on the Spotlight, worked on the annual staff, sang in chorus, a cappella and operetta. Last year she helped win eight of the eight debates. G.A.A., girl scouts, class prophecy, oratory intrigued her.

**BETTY BRUYETTE** — An outdoor sports lover Betty is contemplating entering Western next fall. This sixth-place winner has attracted many friends with her amiable personality; she finds amusement in eating and dancing and is employed at a local war plant.

**BETTY CHRISTOPHER** — Bubbling over with vitality, "Chris" livened the cheering squad, chorus, orchestra, a cappella, and G.A.A. along the I.H.S. highway. A prospective beauty operator, Betty enjoys collecting stationery and is fond of her stuffed rabbit, "Sunshine."

**GAYLORD COURTER** — A future navy man is drummer "Gay," who "beat the skins" through 3 years of band and augmented the membership of boy scouts and air scouts. He zealously pursues his pastimes of stamp collecting, dancing, hunting, and fishing, while not playing in a local dance band.

**LORRAINE DARNELL** — Dainty Lorraine will soon be swirling brushes in an art school. Chorus 2, 3, stamp and bond committee 2, 3, commercial club 3, home ec. club 4, and G.A.A. 4, kept this senior miss on her toes. In her spare time, Lorraine likes to dance and dance and dance.

**VERNICE DARNELL** — With visions of hospital corridors and operating rooms haunting her, Vernice occupied her high school career with home ec. and Junior Red Cross. In addition to her other accomplishments she is really smooth on the dance floor.

**JANICE DONALSON** — A variety of activities, including 3 years of G.A.A., 2 of Spotlight and girls' chorus, and one of commercial club and a cappella choir, has busied "Jan," who would like to earn a B.S. degree from Central. Swimming and ice skating intrigue her.

**MARIE DOTY** — Shy, diminutive Marie demonstrated her talents on two years of Junior Red Cross. After she receives her diploma, Marie will turn to office or factory work; in the interim, cooking, sewing, and pencil pushing keep her busy.

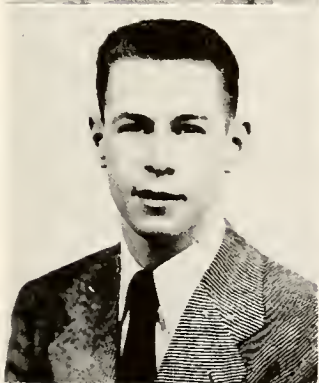


**JANE DOUGLAS** — Cute little Jane made herself heard playing the drums or crashing the cymbals one year in band. She "slaved away" in a downtown store after school. Incidentally, she is the twin sister of Wayne Douglas. Next year she will attend Central.

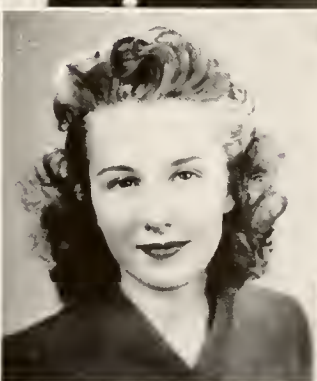
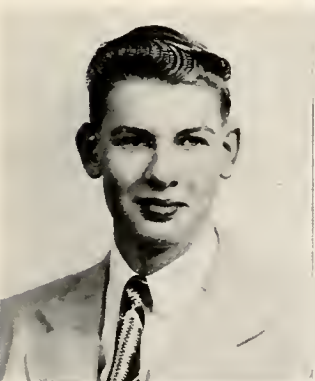


**CORABELLE DOWSETT** — Corabelle spent a year sporting with the G.A.A. and her leisure hours skating, horseback riding, or swimming. Her subtle good humor has been the source of entertainment in more than one class. Next year she will cheer patients as nurses' aide in Ann Arbor.

**LOYD DYE** — "Ike" retired from school work in February after finishing his senior credits. While he was on the campus, he enlivened the activities of the F.F.A. members. His winning smile and way with the opposite sex helped make his life interesting.



**LESLEY ECHLIN** — Pretty Lesly blended her lovely voice with the sextette for two years, also enlivened sessions of chorus and a cappella with her hearty giggle, and clashed her cymbals in band. She has been exhibiting her ability as the perfect secretary in Grand Rapids since finishing her credits in January.



**JACK FOX** — When Jack gave out on his sax in dance band and the sax trio, all stopped to listen. A true music lover, Jack added his manly presence to the band, and crooned baritone in the quartette, chorus, and a cappella. A "super" bond salesman, he completed his credits in January.

**DORIS FRENCH** — The lure of the world of typewriters and stenographer's notebooks influenced Doris's commercial course. The commercial club and G.A.A. kept her busy after hours. Her all-round good-natured ways have made her many friends among the students.

**MARILYN FULLER** — Marilyn's pretty blonde head has been seen in the commercial rooms throughout her high school career. The commercial club, chorus, and home ec. club have been her extra-curricular interests. To polish her technique she will attend business college next year.

**AMI GARLAND** — Rattling around in his Model A and building miniature airplanes have helped make life interesting for "Pete." His impish grin has gone with him to classrooms in both college prep, and vocational divisions. He has an eye on the coast guard for the immediate future.

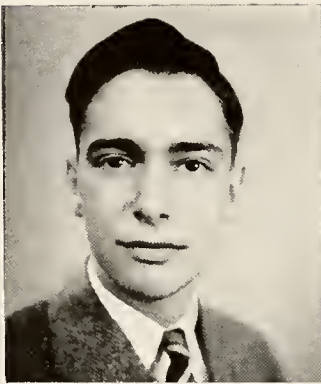


**MILDRED GOWARD**—Seventh-place winner, captain of the cheerleaders, "Milly's" dimpled smile added pep to all occasions. She was in G.A.A., a capella 3, 4, girls' chorus 3, 4, and her distinctive soprano voice added to the ranks of sextette 4. At present she is treading Western's campus.

**VERNON GRAVES**—The math and science departments found Vernon ready and willing to weather whatever they might have to offer, but he wasn't so busy that he strayed from a sideline of model-airplane building and stamp collecting. He is going to put his agrarian skill to work.

**GERALDINE GRIFFIN**—As head steersman of the G.A.A., Gerry kept the girl sportsters toeing the mark, still managed to have time to swing her sax in band, and sell stamps and bonds on her free hours Wednesdays. She took an academic course to precede nurse's training.

**PATRICIA GRIFFIN**—"Pat" slid her trombone through two years of band and has warbled with the chorus. She shows her ability on the dance floor and skating rink. Next fall she will be carrying books at Ferris Institute where she will train to become a rural school marm.



**JOHN HAGUE**—The F.F.A. with its basketball team has been the center of John's interest through three years' membership. On class day he presented the spade. To keep out of mischief, John worked in a local garage and last summer he was a candidate to Boys' state. Uncle Sam has priority on John after graduation.

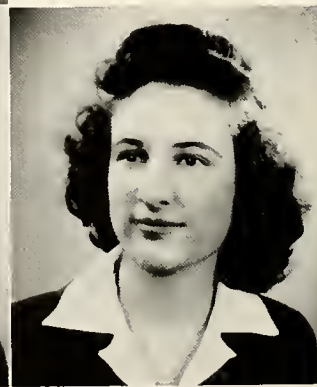
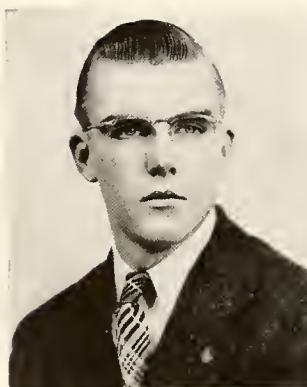


**JUNE HANLINE**—June tossed her wavy brunette tresses many times over the problems of the Junior Red Cross. She is a dance enthusiast and also enjoys writing letters. She will answer the call to patriotism by working in a war industry.

**SALLY HARKNESS**—Being a private secretary looks like fun to cute, blonde haired effervescent, Sally, who improved her typing ability on the Spotlight staff. She also blended her voice in the chorus for a year. She "slaves" in a downtown store after school, and is fond of tobogganing and ice skating.



**AVIS HARWOOD**—Besides capturing fourth place in her class, Avis sang in chorus, a capella choir, had a solo in the operetta, and co-authored the class history. Her ambition propelled her through eight years of 4H work and piano lessons. She will further test her skill by training as surgical nurse.



**NORMAN HASKIN**—Three years of active F.F.A. membership and a year of gridiron tactics have made fun for "Norm." An outdoor man, he likes nothing more than to have his gun or fishing tackle as company. In July he will get his invitation from the army.

**MARTHA HASMAN**—"Marty" has been endowed with a spontaneous laugh and more than her share of good humor. She has transmitted some of her pep into the commercial club, Junior Red Cross, and chorus. She will study in a business college.

**HARRY HAZZARD**—Popular and red-haired, Harry expended his musical talent sliding his trombone in band, swinging out in jam sessions at school parties, and co-authoring the class song. Air scouts and art work for the annual staff kept him occupied.

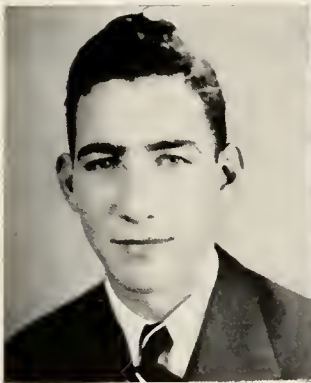
**NORIEN HINDS**—This active miss was in seven years of 4H club and in G.A.A. her senior year. She also busied herself with two years of chorus and belonged to the Junior Red Cross. Her ambition is to be a teacher or dietitian.

**LAWRENCE HOFFMAN** — A love of sports induced stalwart Lawrence to play two years of baseball for Ionia high. He is also an ardent bowling fan. Lawrence believes his future lies with United States Naval Reserve.

**MURIEL HOPE** — Muriel played her violin through three years of orchestra and belonged to the dramatic club, G.A.A., home ec. club, and sold '45 "Ionians." She has followed a commercial course and hopes to enter a business school to become an experienced bookkeeper.

**POLLY HOUGHTON** — Three years of chorus, two years of G.A.A., Camera club, and band in her senior year kept Polly, whose goal is a college education, in a whirl. An outdoor girl, she is very enthusiastic about swimming and hunting.

**JAMES HUNTLEY** — The appreciation of hunting, fishing, swimming, and horseback riding is found in Jim, who was out for track, when a junior, and baseball, as a senior. Jim, who takes pleasure in tinkering with his model "A," plans on joining the marine corps.

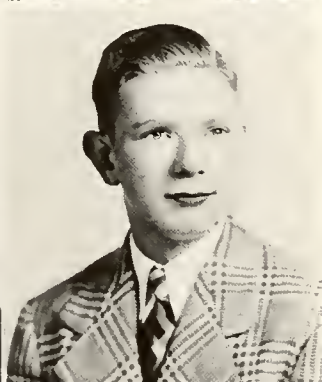


**DOROTHY KENNY** — Following a vocational course, Dorothy participated in commercial club home ec. club, 4H club, Junior Red Cross, and G.A.A. Swimming, drawing, sewing, and baking are enjoyed by Dorothy, a very good typist, who is planning on a commercial career in post-war America.

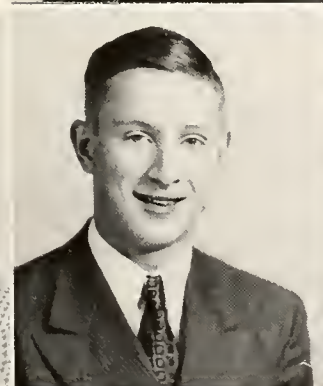
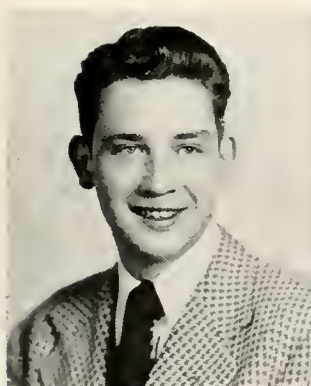


**PHYLLIS KENTER** — A gift of dexterity in all kinds of manual arts induced Phyllis to take a home ec. and commercial course in high school. She belonged to the home ec. club for two years and states decidedly that her favorite pastimes are sewing, cooking, and horseback riding.

**ARLENE KEIFER** — Meeting friends is one of Arlene's greatest enjoyments out of high school. She was active in 4H club for two years and is seen often with Marguerita Nielsen. In her leisure time she finds fun in dancing and letter writing.



**ROBERT KIMBLE** — To join the army air corps and become eventually an engineer is the dream of Bob, who is an ex-boy scout and an air scout. While not eating or sleeping, Bob enjoys his other favorite pastimes, building model airplanes, swimming and hunting.



**JAMES LANGDON** — A half year "stude" Jim finished Ionia high in January and celebrated his eighteenth birthday in February by induction into the army. When not watching sports, of which basketball was his favorite, he busied himself as a "grease monkey" at a local garage.

**HOWARD LINEBAUGH** — Post war airlines will probably be affiliated with flyer Howard who already has his student pilot's license. As a freshman Howard sang in boys' and mixed chorus and was on the track team in his soph year. Credit in solid geometry is Howard's cherished success.

**BETTY LYTLE** — A real sportster, Betty is credited with two years of G.A.A. and was also in the junior high dramatic club. While not clerking at a local store she "relaxes" by dancing, skating, and writing letters. She wishes to become a secretary.

**JOSEPH McCORD** — "My greatest achievement is completing my math courses," asserts eighth place Joe, who has taken an industrial and college prep. course. A former boy scout and a "sharpshooter" in air scouts, Joe likes deer hunting and reading. The air corps or college is for this future engineer.

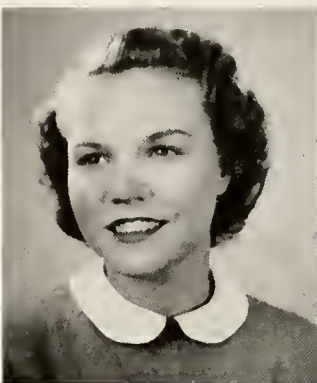


**JEANNE McKENDRY** — Two years of G.A.A., 3 years of girls' glee club, and 4 years of contributing to Spotlight are remembrances of Jeanne, who led cheers for Ionia Bulldogs three years. While not watching sports she finds fun swimming and riding. Jeanne plans to enter Northern.

**LORRAINE McKENDRY** — Lorraine's past has revolved around camera club, girls' chorus, band, and G.A.A. She was the stamp and bond victory queen in 1943 and is a "swell sport" who likes horse-back riding and is always full of fun. College or cadet nursing are her choices.

**BEVERLY MARTIN** — Lots of fun in girls' chorus, home ec. club, G.A.A., and the Junior Red Cross, Beverly, who plans to enter a beauty school in Grand Rapids soon, has been kept in the typical high school flurry. Her favorite recreations are playing basketball, dancing and piano.

**ELNORA MINAKER** — For 3 years Elnora has worked in girl scouts, and has been active in commercial club, and home ec. club, and, as a soph, in Junior Red Cross. When not studying her commercial subjects, she was employed at the Grand Valley Packing Company.

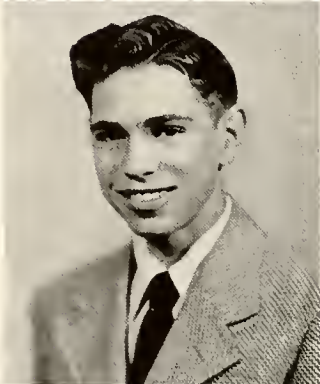


**DOLORES MISNER** — Blonde, shy Dolores has been an active member of the 4H club for four years and because office work is to occupy her time, she has taken a commercial course. Skating helps her keep that small, trim figure and she also enjoys movies immensely.

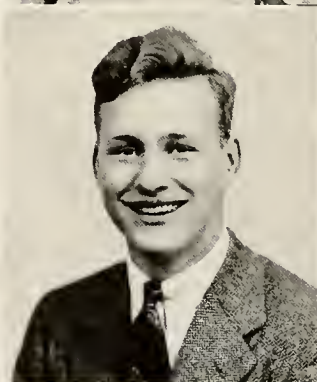
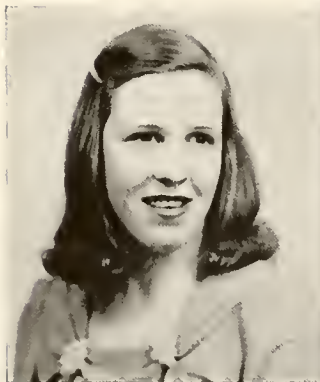


**MARILYN MOORE** — Envy of all the gals with straight locks, curly-topped Marilyn has been seen tripping to and from her commercial classes. She found interest in selling stamps and bonds, reading, and music. The business world claims her future.

**WALTER MOORE** — Contemplation of a commercial career has kept jovial "Walt" occupied in high school. An enthusiastic music lover, he is often heard strumming on his guitar. One of Uncle Sam's services will soon be brightened by Walt's smiling face and brown wavy hair.



**DOROTHY NIELSEN** — Sporting a "simple simon," Dorothy has her future well-in-hand. Her interests have run on the commercial line, and she makes the most of her leisure time dancing and seeing movies.



**MARGUERITA NIELSEN** — Seen in her spare time cutting capers on the dance floor or riding a bicycle, Marguerita is another able candidate to enter a beauty culture school. During her four years she pursued the commercial courses.

**ANNA LEE POTTER** — Another of the fair-haired seniors, Anna Lee, is distinguished by her complete serenity and quiet personality. She has been seen in all of the commercial classes, since she plans to be a white-collared girl.

**KENT RAYMOR** — "Pork" may be distinguished by the beaming grin he wears so handsomely. Co-captain of the '45 football team, basketball 1, 2, band 3, a cappella 3, boys' chorus 1, 2, 3, 4, boy scouts, and the duties of sophomore president occupied Kent, a prospective sailor.

**JUNE REDEMSKY** — Always gay and busy, June was indispensable as assistant Spotlight editor and in dramatic declamation. A virtuoso of the piano and organ, she also blended her voice in double quartette 4 years, a cappella choir, chorus, operetta, and placed fifth in the class.

**LOUISE ROWLEY** — In the winter, Louise may be seen cutting figures with her ice skates, and other times she "cuts a rug" on the dance floor. After 3 years of 4H club work, Louise agrees that it may be useful, for she sports her future on her third finger, left hand.



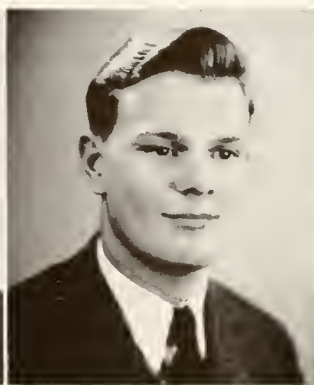
**ARLA RUSNELL** — Arla plans to train as a cadet nurse at Ann Arbor. Speaking magnetized her into dramatic club and declamations 1, 2, where she became a forensic winner. She also sold stamps and bonds. The out-of-doors attracts her particularly to bicycling and sports.



**FRANK SCHLERNITZAUER** — Frank's liking of outdoor activities are reflected in his stalwart physique and untanned profile. Favorite pastime of Frank is roaming with his dog, "Fritz." A commercial course has confronted him in past wintertimes. In summer he pursued the sport of motor boating.



**KENNETH SELLECK** — Ken, a jovial, husky lad, earned varsity letters in baseball and football during his sophomore and junior years and, while a freshman, was football manager. Ken held the "upper hand" over the juniors as sergeant-at-arms. Stamp collecting is his favorite pastime.



**VIVIAN SMALLEY** — A possessor of attractive dimples, Vivian has set her goal at working in a hospital in Ann Arbor. Always with a friendly smile, she is an "old hand" at riding horses and keeps her girlish figure by dancing and swimming.

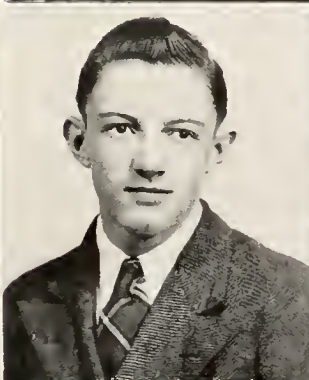


**NATHAN SMITH** — Laugh stimulator, Nat, known for his genial personality, and voted king of popularity, as a junior enrolled in I.H.S. from Menominee, where he participated in football and track; here he was a stellar baseball and basketball player. "Smitty," fond of hunting and fishing, foresees his career as a toss-up between the army or the navy.

**WILLARD STANTON** — Strictly an outdoors man, Willard has been a loyal member of the F.F.A. for the last 3 years and as a senior played on the F.F.A. basketball team. If not drafted, Willard will choose between exercising his knowledge on a farm or trying his skill as a state police trooper.



**GERALDINE STOUT** — A future beautician, Gerry is recognized for the rare coiffures she displays. An "ivory tickler," she also blended her voice in girls' chorus 1, 2, and a cappella 3 and voiced her opinions in commercial club, 3. Oftentimes, Gerry is seen cutting a "mean rug" on the dance floor.



**ESTHER TAFEL** — Giggling is the "spice of life" for "Estie" who dotes on reading murder mysteries collecting novelty pins and writing poetry. A member of the girls' chorus, a cappella, and commercial club, Esther plans to do her bit for mankind after attending a school for beauty culture.

**JOHN TEICHMANN** — Shy, but amiable, John, an ardent stamp collector, spent his time participating in boys' chorus 1, 2, 3, 4, a cappella choir 3, baseball 1, and as a stamp and bond salesman. John hopes to see the world in the navy blues.

**JANE RUTH TEMELCO** — Jane could often be seen whirling her silver baton down the football field. Girl scouts 1, G.A.A. 1, 2, girls' chorus 1, 3, 4, dramatic club 1, and watchman for the sophomore finances claimed her talents. Jane is fond of all sports and dancing.

**BETTY TOTTON** — A musical personality, Betty has spent her high school life in band, orchestra, and chorus; violin and saxophone are two of her accomplishments. When not writing letters or enjoying shows, Betty makes plans regarding the sparkler on her third finger, left hand.



**JAMES TOWERSEY** — Jim helped the F.F.A. cagers through 3 years of wins and losses. His school course has provided him with knowledge which will be useful in his farm career. Jim took time out from bicycle riding to write the vocational agriculture story for the annual.



**CHARLOTTE VAN NORNUM** — The air waves may soon be graced with Charlotte's pleasant voice, for she plans to study dramatics for radio work. Chorus, declamations, home economics, and orchestra kept her busy while a freshman; since then Charlotte has enjoyed the company of her pals.



**CARLEY MAE WARDEN** — Carley's tall grace, exhilarating humor, and superb dancing ability made her a favorite in G.A.A. 1, 2, band 3, 4, girls' chorus 1, 2, 3, and a cappella 3, 4. She improved her typing skill during Spotlight sessions. Her lilting voice was heard 4 years in sextette.



**BONETA WEDDERBURN** — Wee Bonnie invaded Ionia from Lyons in 1943, captured presidency of the commercial club and is now vice-president of the home ec. club. Bonnie flashed her personality-laden self on the dance floor and at the piano. Some business office will be enlivened by her sweet charm.

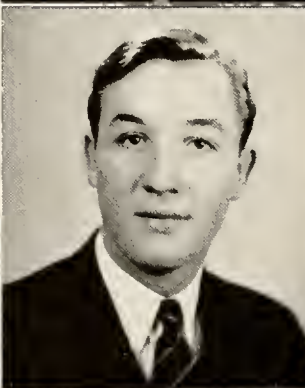


**ALICE WEISGERBER** — Spotlight 3, 4, band 2, 3, 4, sextette 4, chorus 1, 2, 3, a cappella 4, G.A.A. 3, camera club 2, and operetta 4, have been brightened by Alice's charm and personality. Alice will take time out from college to engage in her favorite pastimes of riding, skiing, and swimming. The senior English class was often amused by her naive remarks.

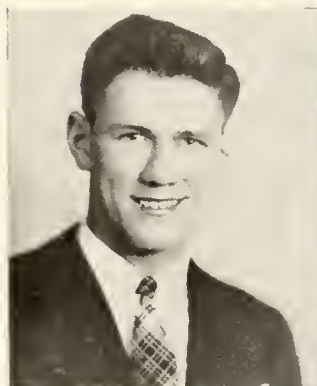


**JANE WELCH** — Petite Janie spent most of her school years asking, "How's the weather up there?" The outdoors relaxed "Windy's" neurons although Stephens will soon put them to work. Jane's interests were G.A.A. 2, camera club 3, girls' chorus 2, and the annual, where she was an "indispensable" in photography and ad selling.

**ELEANOR WESTBROOK** — A friend of everyone, Eleanor has kept busy along the four year road with girls' chorus, G.A.A., a cappella, stamp and bond committee, operetta, band, annual staff, class history, and Spotlight. Music and 4H work consume her little spare time. As a nurse, her genuine sweetness and charm will comfort many.



**PHILIP WHITE** — This tall, husky lad came to I.H.S. his senior year from Saranac. There he amused his audience with his part in the junior play. Phil's jovial personality finds its way to bowling alleys and tennis courts. Like most senior boys, the service will soon claim his time.



**ROBERT WHITESIDES** — "Whitey" was a merry addition to any crowd with his infectious grin and twinkling eye. His talents were divided among band, quarter, chorus, a cappella, football, track, basketball and junior president. A mid-term student, he is now clad in navy blue.

**PATRICIA WILDER** — Pat's own girls' dance band and her trumpet have created dreams in her mind's eye of a musical career. Band and orchestra have been Pat's chief interests in I.H.S. and her gay spirits have won her many friends.

**ROBIN WILLIAMS** — A cheery whistle and friendly hello endeared Robin to his many friends. An owner of a student pilot's license, Robin often circled through the clouds. When not busy with his mail route, he was fond of listening to his symphonic records. The armed services soon will claim him.

**JOSEPHINE WIRTZ** — Jo, as her friends call her, has her eye on a white-collar job. When not busy with her course in the commercial department, this senior miss delights in butterscotch nut sundaes.





Miss Zemke



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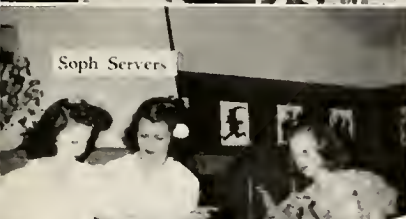
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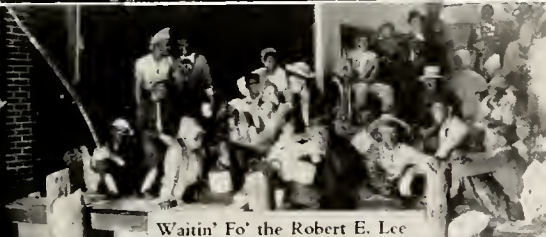
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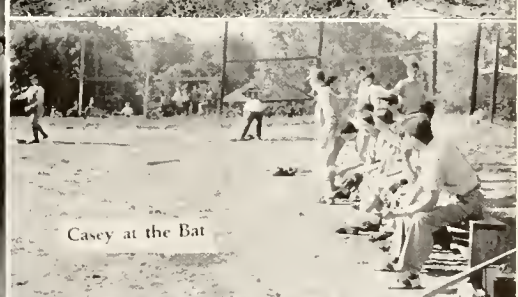
Taxidermy Parade



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Gals on the Loose

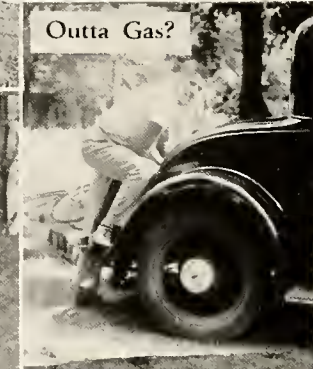
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